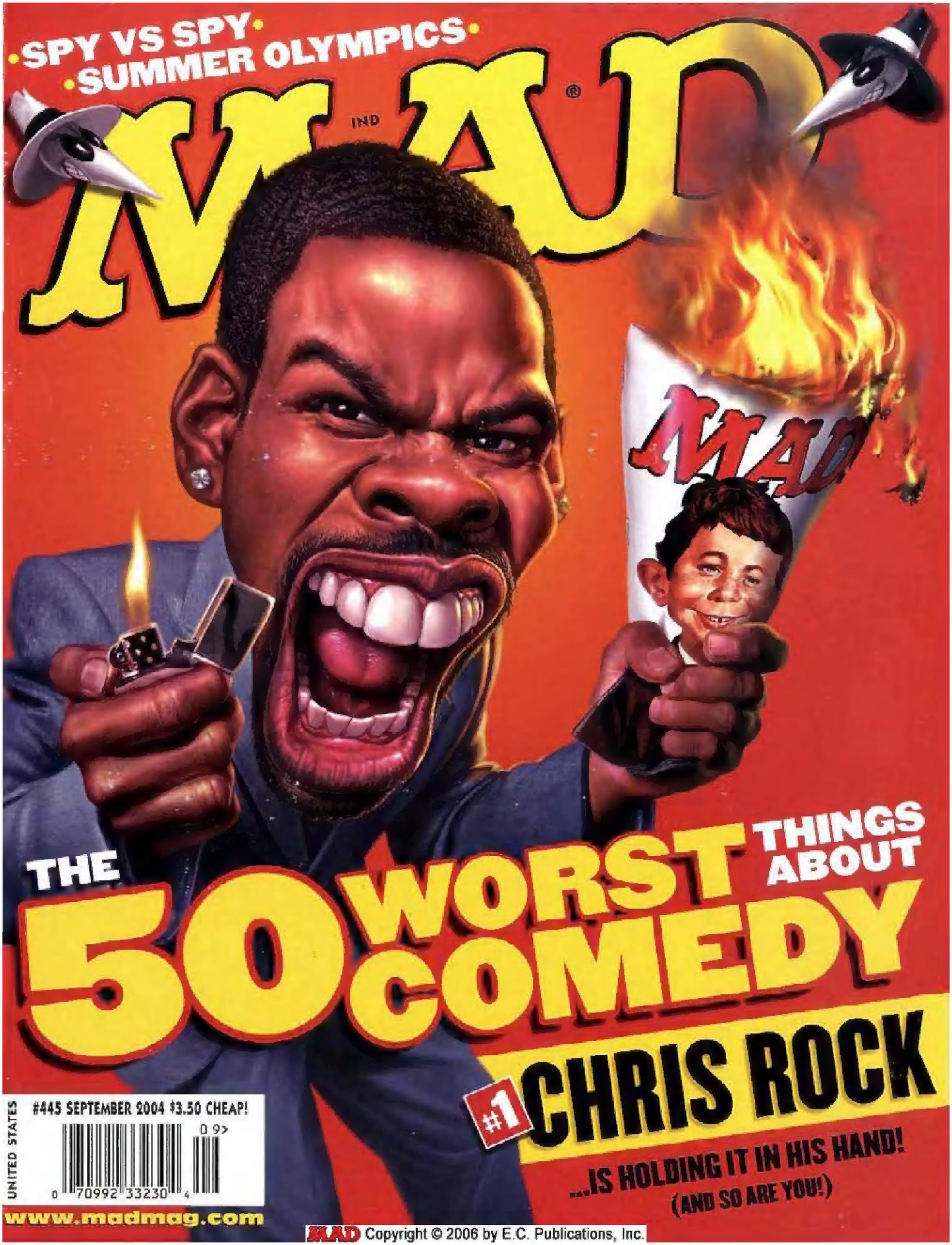
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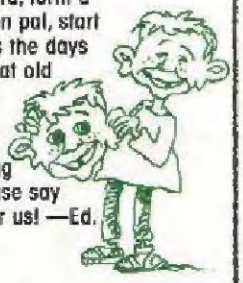
YOU'VE GOT JAIL

I am incarcerated in a youth prison in Michigan. When I was in the juvenile home, my parents brought me MAD to keep me entertained. When I came here, my bunkie received MAD and let me read them. I've become really addicted to them and just received the first copy of my subscription. Thank you for something to do.

Mike Kelly,
Michigan Youth Correctional Facility
Baldwin, MI

Saved by the Kell — Are you saying you're looking for things to do in prison? Jail is a *hotbed* of fun-filled activities! Off the top of our heads, we can think of plenty of ways to pass the time! Why, you can craft a shiv, earn the trust of a guard, form a softball team, get a pen pal, start digging a tunnel, cross the days off your calendar or that old classic: push-ups (and plenty of them)! So Mike, don't complain that there isn't anything for you to do, and please say hello to Warden Elo for us! —Ed.

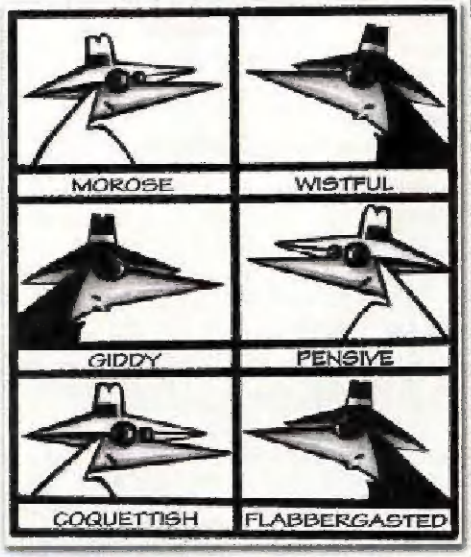


THE DRAWING BORED

Could you possibly have a page in an upcoming issue that shows how to draw the Spy Vs. Spy characters and their expressions? My friend is obsessed with Spy Vs. Spy and is always trying to "perfect" the comics he draws. If you do this I am hoping he will shut up.

Michael Ambriz, San Diego, CA

Mikey Likes It — No problemo! We spoke with current Spy Vs. Spy artist Peter Kuper and he was more than happy to provide the following mini style guide to help your "friend" master the highly expressive faces of either the Black or White Spy! —Ed.



MAD FAN OF THE MONTH

COURTNEY "UNCLE SAM" BROOKS: WHO WANTS YOU?!?

This past 4th of July, I decided to go past setting off fireworks, and possibly losing fingers, to be patriotic. When I got into my Uncle Sam costume, I figured: What more appropriate way to represent my country than holding up two classic MAD magazines? After all, MAD represents and symbolizes what the United States is all about (being able to publish large amounts of foolish nonsense courtesy of the First Amendment!)

Courtney Brooks, Indianapolis, IN

People's Courtney — After looking at your "patriotic" picture, we've decided that the French may have actually had a point about how retarded Americans are! Vive le snug plastic pants! —Ed.

The Big Easel

I enjoy MAD magazine, so I decided to do a "Big Easel." I only used toy cars, K'nex and other stuff in my room. I never used anything that I found outside of my room. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoy reading MAD.

Kirk Meyers, Saskatchewan, Canada

Kirk du Soleil — Clearly you are displaying the early signs of cabin fever. This is not uncommon during the cold and depressing nine-month *Saskatchewan winters*. Now, if you wanted to get the most out of those K'nex, you'd use them to build a tunnel to escape your icy, soul-crushing Canadian prison! If you get stopped at the border, just inform the Mounties that you're a close personal friend of Courtney "Uncle Sam" Brooks! —Ed.

KIRK (R.) AND HIS TOY-RIFFIC ALFRED

THE SCHIZ ARE ALRIGHT

I say Desmond Devlin is the biggest idiot in your Usual Gang of Idiots for misusing the term "schizo" three times in the *Lord of the Rings* parody (MAD #439). Schizophrenia is a brain disorder that has nothing to do with multiple personalities. Ask any doctor, idiot.

Lila Ewing, Encinitas, CA

Mountain Ew — First off, we'd like to apologize on behalf of Desmond. You are correct in pointing out his misuse of the word schizo. To show that we have taken your reprimand to heart, we would like to run something by you. Are we using the word "crap-sack" correctly when describing your letters? Please write back and let us know. In fact, let's open it up to you, our dear readers. Please send us your best original, profanity-free insults to describe Ms. Ewing's missive! Mail to Amy "The Big Insult" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, NY, NY 10019. We will print the best ones in an upcoming issue! —Ed.

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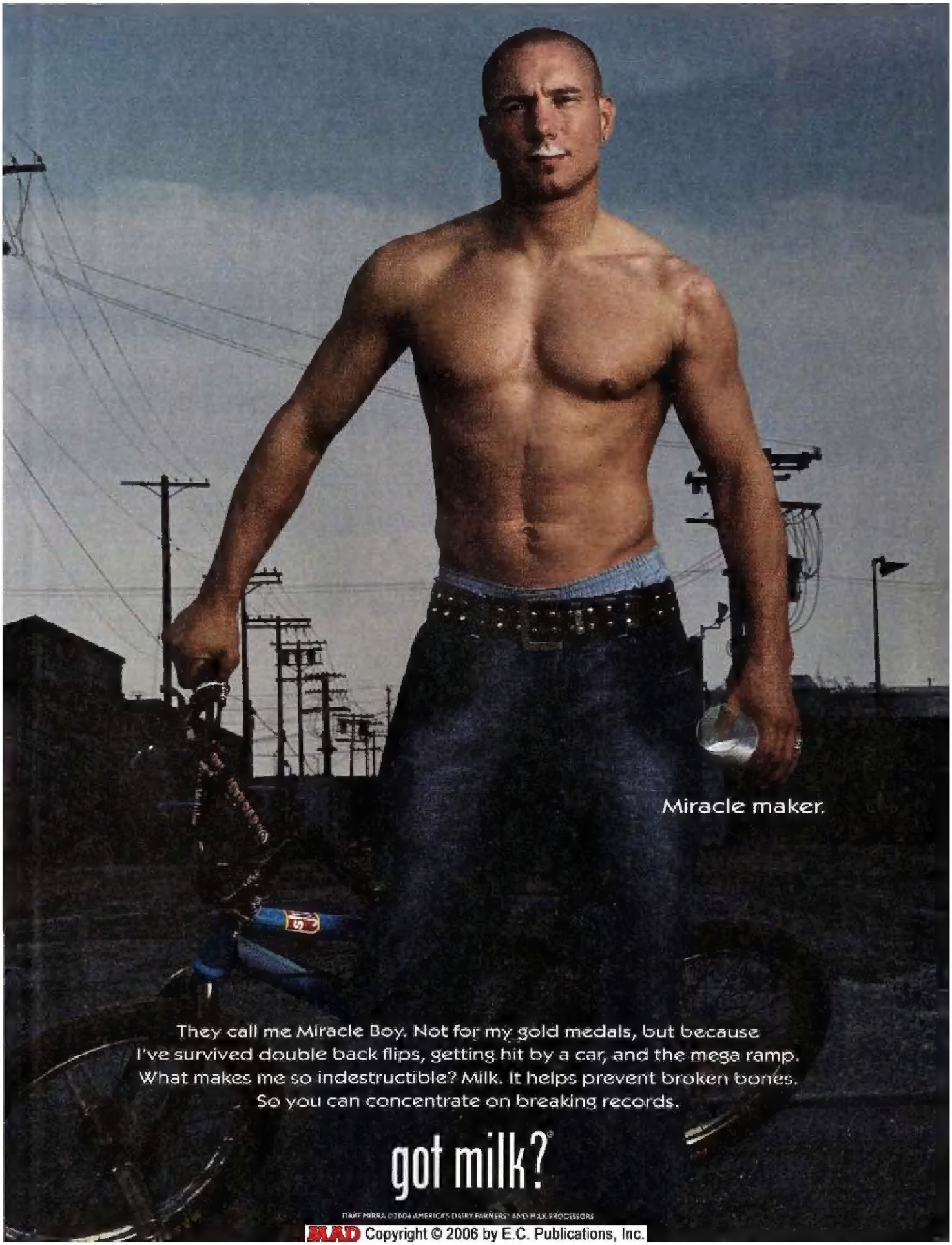
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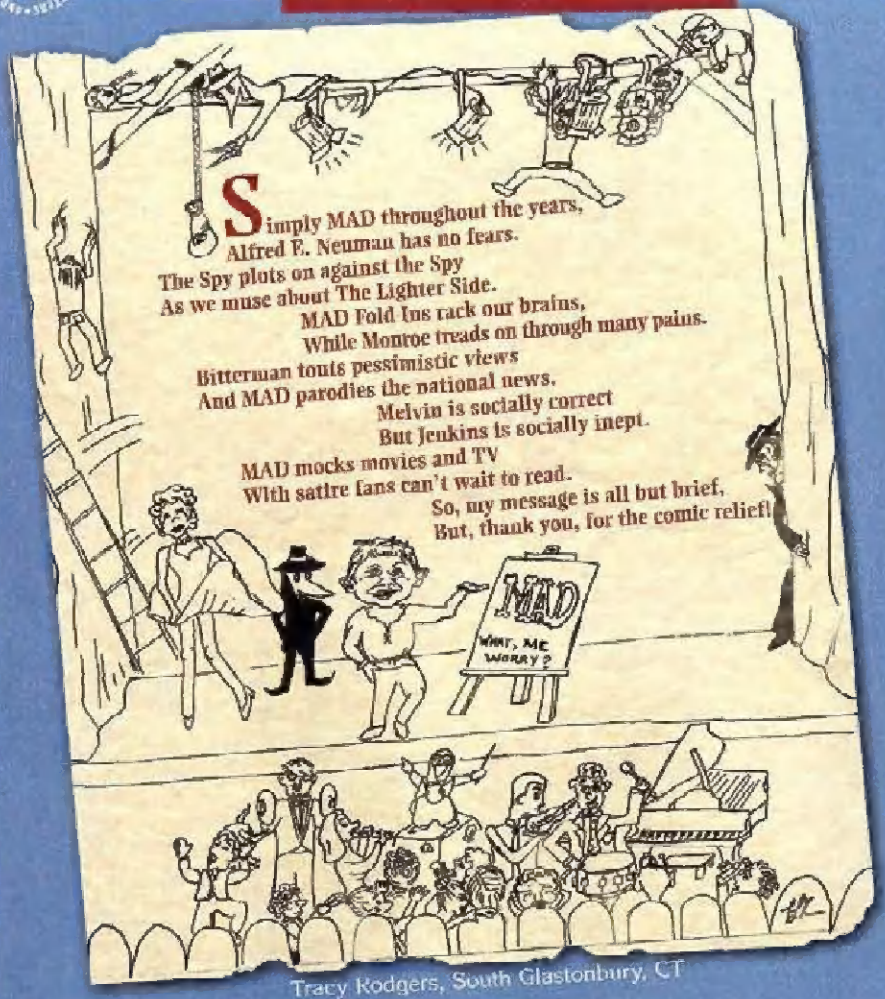
Simply MAD throughout the years,
Alfred E. Neuman has no fears.
The Spy plots on against the Spy
As we muse about The Lighter Side.
MAD Fold Ins rack our brains,
While Monroe treads on through many pains.
Bitterman touts pessimistic views
And MAD parodies the national news.
Melvin is socially correct
But Jenkins is socially inept.
MAD mocks movies and TV
With satire fans can't wait to read.
So, my message is all but brief,
But, thank you, for the comic relief!
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WHAT, ME WORRY?

Tracy Rodgers, South Glastonbury, CT

T-Rod — Your beautiful letter has inspired us to pick up our quills and try our hand once again at the fine art of poetry. We are certain that ours is every bit as amazing as yours! See you at the next Def Poetry Jam!! Enjoy! —Ed.

Thank you for your endless poem,
Now do us a favor and leave us alone!

BREAKING A MING PHRASE

In MAD #442's "Yao Ming's Chinese-English Phrasebook" you have his alleged comments in Chinese symbols followed by supposed translations into English. I regret to inform you that the symbols do not mean what you said they mean. For example, in the first line, 疼 = mountain, 气 = water, 乌 = exhaust. In the second line 姐 = level, 风 = waves, 平 = quiet. I won't translate all of the symbols, because the point is made.

Garrett Belcher, Charleston, WV

Gar She Blows! — Once again we fall victim to that bumbling Godfrey. He swore to us that he was fluent in Chinese. After double-checking the article, we found that 腾云驾雾 doesn't translate into "Does Allen Iverson know that his Chinese tattoo says 'I desire young boys'?" — but actually into, "Garrett Belcher, get a freakin' life!" This makes us wonder if Godfrey really is a licensed massage therapist, either! —Ed.

CALDWELL'S THAT ENDS WELL

I am writing this to tell you that you guys are wicked pissa! I especially wanted to tell you guys that I loooove John Caldwell. He is my favorite cartoonist in the world! His articles are always the ones I like best. I've been reading MAD since I was 14 (I'm 21 now) and I just want to say I worship all that is MAD! I may come to NYC and visit you guys and give John a big hug for rocking hardcore!

Melissa Gavazzi, Boston, MA

Missy — Thank you for your fan letter to long-time MAD writer/artist John Caldwell. We took the liberty of passing it on to him and to his lovely bride, Roxy. We couldn't understand her whole message to you, but we did manage to make out the phrases "stop sniffing around my man" and "Gas up the truck, we're haulin' ass to Beantown!" Best of luck to you, Melissa, you homewrecker! —Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

SPECIAL SURVIVOR EDITION!!

Peter Gordon of Great Neck, NY sent in this page o' Celebrity Snaps from the recent *Survivor: All Stars* wrap party in New York City! Understandably, he neglected to include the one where security is forcibly escorting him out of the bash (That hussy Jerri wouldn't be far behind!) Regardless, congrats, Pete on your three-year subscription and special props for your **THE ED'S *NIFTY FIFTY*** pic of Rupert Boneham!

RUPERT AND PETER GORDON

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KATHY AND JANE GORDON

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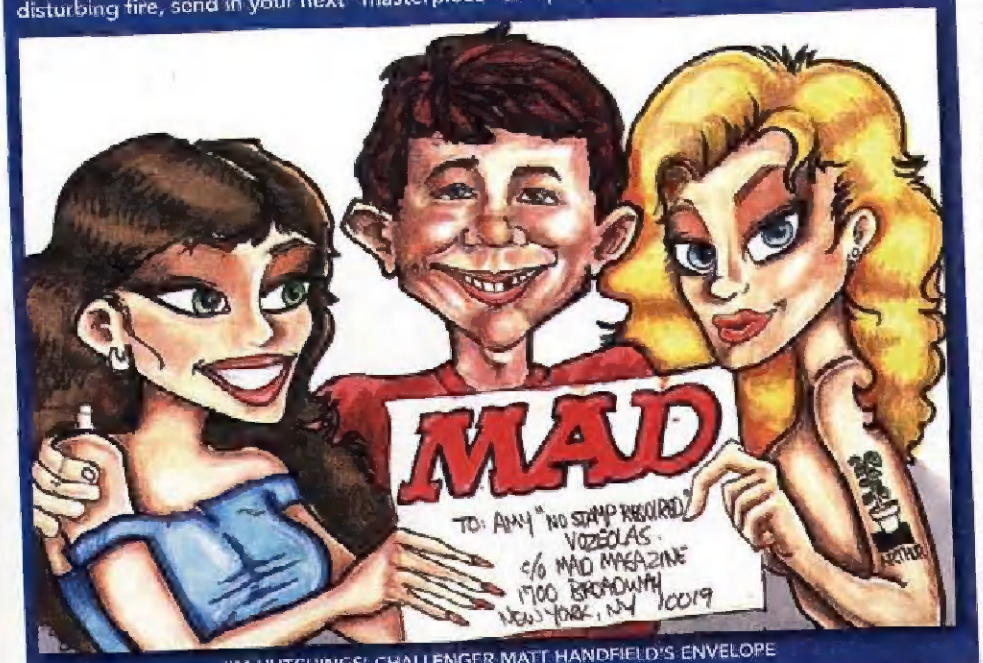
ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

This month's Envelope of the Month comes from Matt Handfield of Northampton, MA. In his letter, Matt did a fair amount of smack-talking about Letters Page mainstay Jim Hutchings. So far, Jim has been quiet in facing his challengers. Are you going to take this, Jim? After all that you have "worked" for? For God's sake man, fight disturbing fire with disturbing fire, send in your next "masterpiece" and put these upstarts in their place! —Ed.



JIM HUTCHINGS' CHALLENGER MATT HANDFIELD'S ENVELOPE

CENSOR AND SENSIBILITY

Why is your magazine so R-rated? I am an average nine-year-old boy who thinks your magazine is funny, but in an R-rated way. I'm a new subscriber and when I got the May issue, I was rather upset that it had nudity in it. If you could make your magazine G-rated, that would be great.

Max Russo, Pleasantville, NY

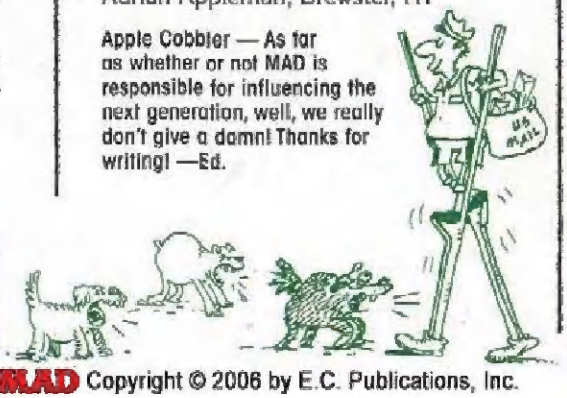
Max and Cheese — You strike us as the type of kid who reminds his teachers that they haven't assigned any homework for the weekend! However, we are glad that you enjoy the magazine, and we hope it offers you an occasional smile as you recover in ICU from one of the many schoolyard beatings that are bound to be a staple of your childhood! —Ed.

FOR BETTER OR FOR CURSE

I was at my grandma's on vacation when I got my first issue of MAD. I was reading it voraciously, making sure I got every single detail, when my bratty cousins and MAD-addicted uncle walked in. My youngest cousin, Robin, grabbed the MAD out of my hand and started reading it out loud. My grandma thought it was cute until Robin came across the word "damn." Then my grandma said to me that MAD might be a little too inappropriate for me. But then my MAD-addicted uncle said that kids are getting more inappropriate these days. Is this true? Is MAD affecting the ways of the next generation?

Adrian Appleman, Brewster, NY

Apple Cobbler — As far as whether or not MAD is responsible for influencing the next generation, well, we really don't give a damn! Thanks for writing! —Ed.



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IF A POLITICAL CONVENTION WAS PRODUCED BY...

There would be an "accidental" Teresa Heinz Kerry wardrobe malfunction.

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I know George W. Bush is qualified to clean up this mess f'sure! I'm not talking about no Middle East — I mean the mess I just made backstage!
BUSH
04

They'd offer expert political analysis from an animated donkey.

It would be Mary Matalin, Monica Crowley and Ann Coulter on trampolines.

THE FAST 5 FUN FACTS ABOUT J.LO'S MARRIAGE TO MARC ANTHONY

1. Due to rumors that she is still very much "Jenny from the block," Anthony insisted J.Lo get tested for STDs before tying the knot.
2. The couple chose to honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, just in case Anthony had second thoughts and wanted to get another quickie divorce.
3. The stickiest moment of the evening came when J.Lo recognized one of the waiters as her first husband, Ojani Noa.
4. News of his former fiancé's marriage reached Ben Affleck at a Vancouver strip club, where he was so despondent, he only bought five lap dances instead of his customary 10.
5. Just three days after the ceremony, J.Lo started bragging about her marriage being more successful than Britney Spears'.

MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY

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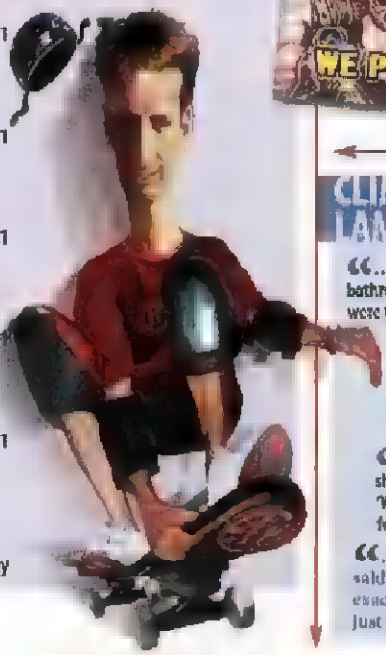
PAGES

CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

This month: TONY HAWK

OUR TEAM OF CRACK ODDSMAKERS GIVES YOU THE LATEST VEGAS LINE ON HOW ONE OF TODAY'S BIGGEST STARS WILL MEET HIS DEMISE!

CAUSE OF DEATH	ODDS
Fatal injury from doing own stunt	9,875,000,000:1
Fatal injury from standing too close to clumsy moron attempting to *imitate* one of his stunts	2:1
Terminal leg cramps from spending too much time modeling for video game designers	5:1
Suffocation after scabs all over body finally "merge" into one, big, all-consuming scab	7:1
Skull fracture, in 2025, after attempting hospital gurney/half pipe stunt at Pro Skateboarders Retirement Home	9:1
Massive heart attack from ingesting large quantities of Doritos, McDonald's, Bagel Bites, Hershey's MilkShakes and all the other crap food he endorses	Even money



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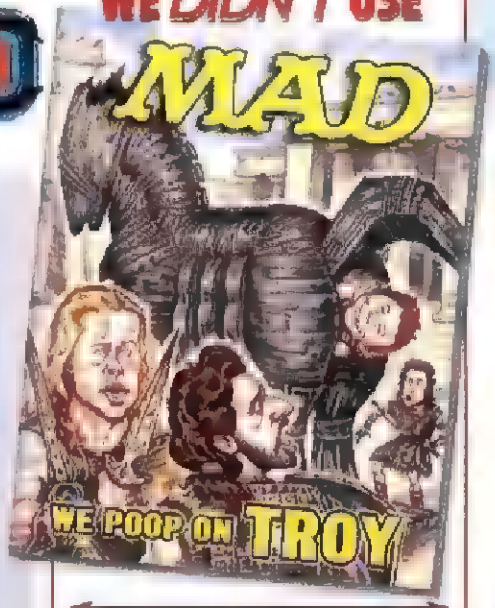

CLIMAXES TO REALLY LAME URBAN LEGENDS

"...the man screamed when he entered the bathroom: there, scrawled on the mirror in lipstick, were the words, 'Welcome to the world of gout.'"

"...his frightened girlfriend worked up the courage to get out of the car, and finally discovered what was making the grisly scraping noise on the car's roof. It was a pigeon."

"...the babysitter gasped as she heard the frantic policeman say, 'We've traced the call...and it's coming from your Aunt Bernice in Cleveland!'"

"...'Yes,' the hitchhiking girl's father said sadly, 'This is her sweater. You see, exactly one year ago today, on a dark night just like this, she bought it at Kmart.'"

REJECTED APPLICANTS FROM ABC'S *Extreme* MAKEOVER

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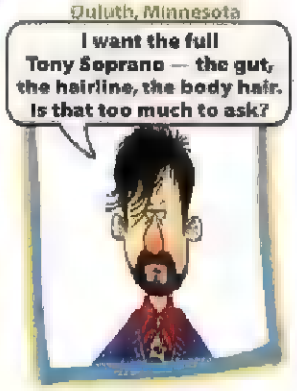
Duluth, Minnesota



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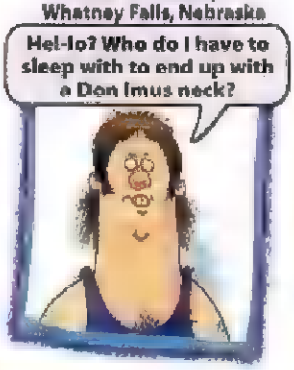

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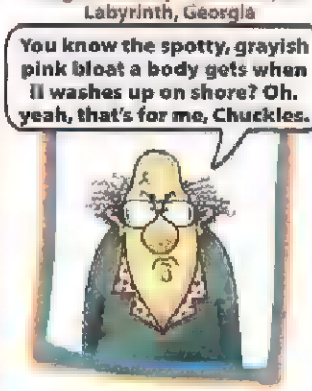
Riberdy, Kansas

Angelo "Buddy" Nussman, 62
Labyrinth, Georgia



BITTERMAN

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THE FUNDALINI PAGES

FUN WITH JOHN PAUL & GEORGE

Please send in a Mr. Hugh Jorgan, President Bush tells me I really need to see this Hugh Jorgan!
So then the Polack says to the hooker...
Coalition, schmoalition — you really are going straight to hell, Dubya!

GEORGE TENET'S RESIGNATION LETTER

To: Vice President Dick Cheney
From: George Tenet

With deep regret, I hereby tender my resignation as Central Intelligence Agency Director.

It's been an exciting 7 years, and the CIA has had its ups, its downs, its downs, and its downs. Not seeing Osama bin Laden coming? Not knowing where the hell Osama is now? The imaginary African uranium sale? Russian double agents parking their $100,000 cars in the CIA parking lot? My "slam dunk" evidence proving Weapons of Mass Destruction? What can I say except: my bad, dawg.

But I am proud to note that we have also had major, major successes during the same time. The CIA knew that the Spice Girls were going to break up almost a week before it was announced. We're also hearing a lot of elevated chatter about the plot of the upcoming *Ya-Gi-Oh!* movie.

Yes, I'm hightailing it out of town right before the Senate Intelligence report and the 9/11 Commission report both come out and scorch the short hairs off my ass. But that's just a coincidence. And besides, what good does it do, picking up a severed hand at Ground Zero, and using it to point fingers? I've fully accepted my share of the blame. Why dwell on consequences?

Covertly Yours,

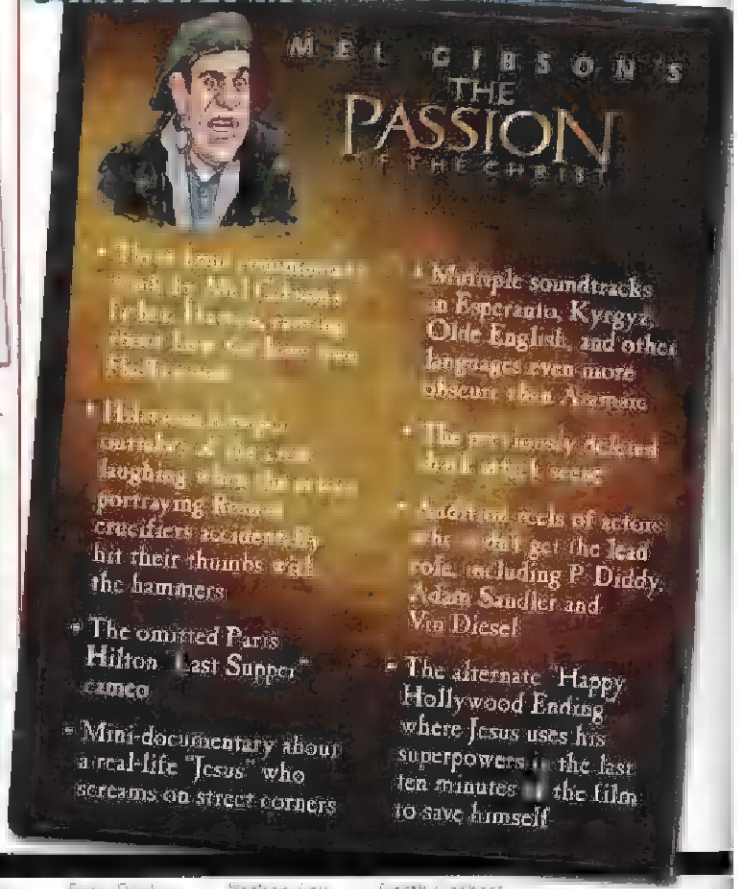
GT

P.S. When you get a chance, tell George Bush I've quit my job.

VEY TO GO!

"THE MORGUE, AND STEP ON IT."

BONUS DVD FEATURES WE'D LIKE TO SEE


MEL GIBSON'S
THE PASSION
OF THE CHRIST
• Multiple soundtracks in Esperanto, Kyrgyz, Olde English, and other languages even more obscure than Aramaic
• The previously deleted bank robbery scene
• Outtakes reels of actors who didn't get the lead role, including P. Diddy, Adam Sandler and Vin Diesel
• The alternate "Happy Hollywood Ending" where Jesus uses his superpowers in the last ten minutes of the film to save himself
• The omitted Paris Hilton "Last Supper" cameo
• Mini-documentary about a real-life "Jesus" who screams on street corners

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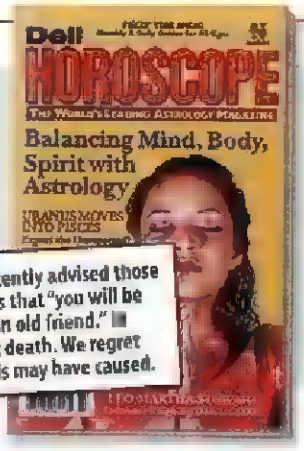

In our March, 2004 issue, we inadvertently advised those readers born under the sign of Taurus that "you will be pleasantly surprised by a visit from an old friend." In fact, you will die a painful and tragic death. We regret the error and any inconveniences this may have caused.

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DOCTORED ZEUS DEPT.

When the first Olympic games were held in Greece in 776 B.C., the world was thought to be ruled over by such gods as Zeus, Athena, Hermes and Prometheus. Now, as the Summer Olympics return to Athens, the athletic world is definitely ruled over by the...

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THE WINNERS OF OUR DISCONTENT DEPT.

'Tis time, dear reader, to turn away from the tube with its Hannitys and O'Reillys and hearken to the words of the immortal Bard, as MAD presents...

William POLITICAL

"His promises were, as he then was, mighty, but his performance, as he is now, nothing."

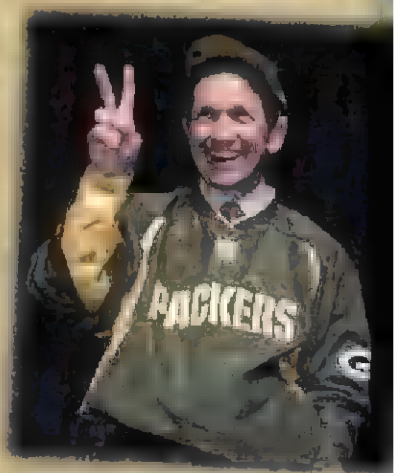
Henry VIII — Act IV, Scene II

"Look like the innocent flower, but be the serpent under it."

Macbeth — Act I, Scene V

"He is...ill-faced, worse bodied, shapeless everywhere... a living dead man."

The Comedy of Errors — Act V, Scene I



"I cannot tell what the dickens his name is."

The Merry Wives of Windsor — Act III, Scene II

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Shakespeare, COMMENTATOR

"Prosperity's the very bond of love."
Hamlet — Act II, Scene II

"She speaks, yet says nothing."
Romeo and Juliet — Act II, Scene II

"Such a man...so spiritless, so dull, so dead in look, so woebegone."
Henry IV, Part 2 — Act I, Scene I

"Wherefore are those things hid?"
Twelfth Night — Act I, Scene III

"What a sweep of vanity comes this way."
Timon of Athens — Act I, Scene II

"These tedious old fools!" *Hamlet — Act II, Scene II*

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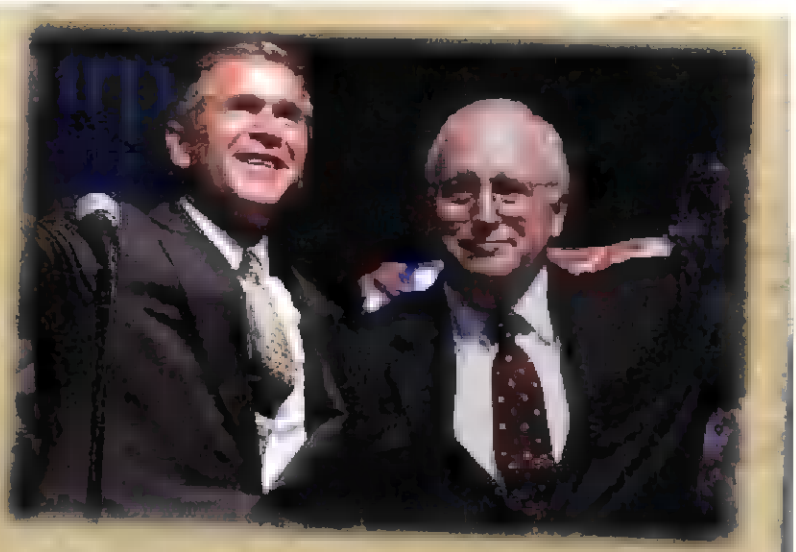
"...this horseback-breaker, this huge hill of flesh."
Henry IV, Part One — Act II, Scene IV



"His will is not his own." *Hamlet — Act I, Scene III*

"Not yet old enough for a man nor young enough for a boy."
Twelfth Night — Act I, Scene V

"It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."
Macbeth — Act V, Scene V

"They have committed false report; moreover, they have spoken untruths."
Much Ado About Nothing — Act V, Scene I

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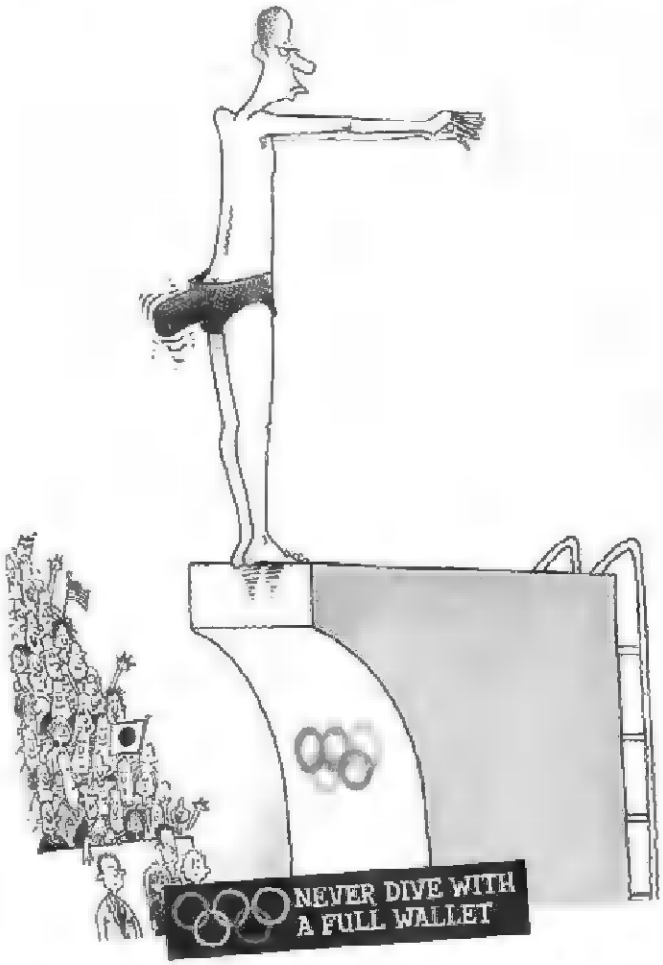
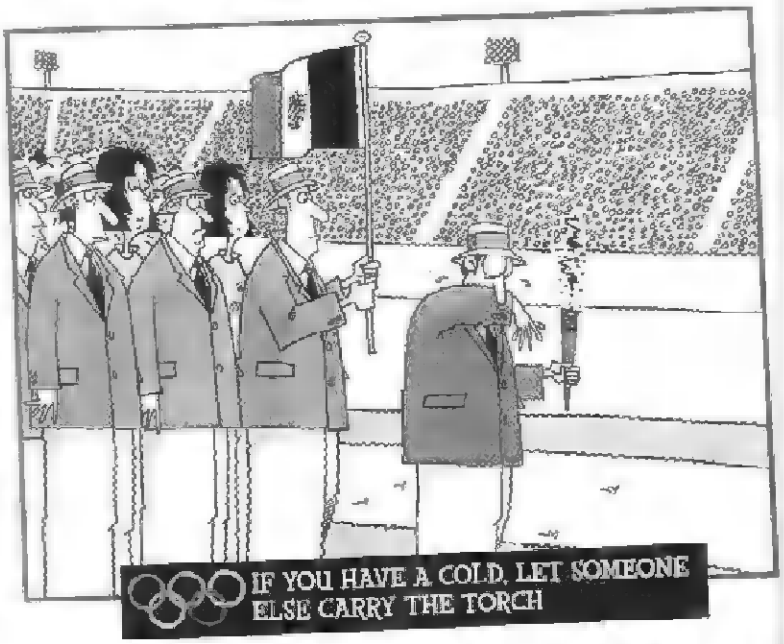
PROS AND CON-DUCT DEPT.

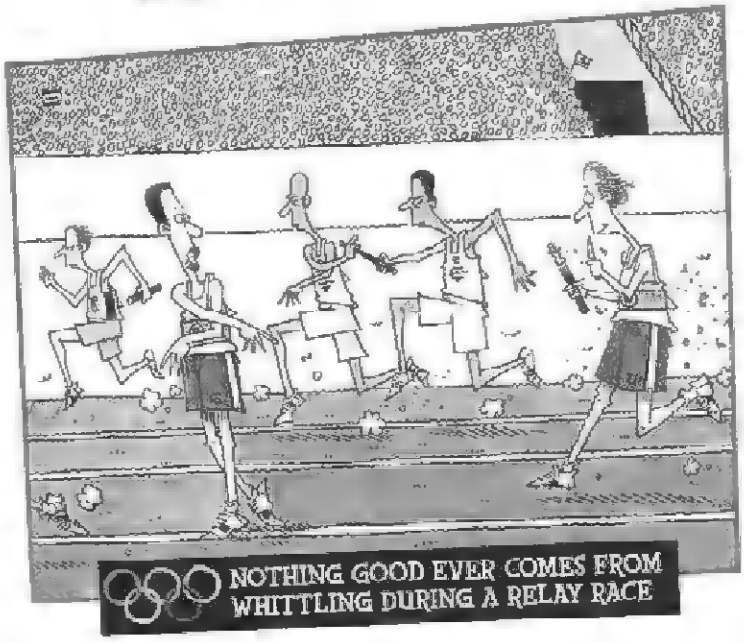
JOHN CALDWELL'S

UNWRITTEN OLYMPIC

You've worked and trained your whole life and finally earned your place on the big stage — a spot on your country's Olympic team. But before you start clearing Grandma's ashes off your mantel for gold medals, consider that the true challenge won't be shielding your eyes from the Romanian guys in Speedos, but, rather, mastering...







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RULES FOR ATHLETES

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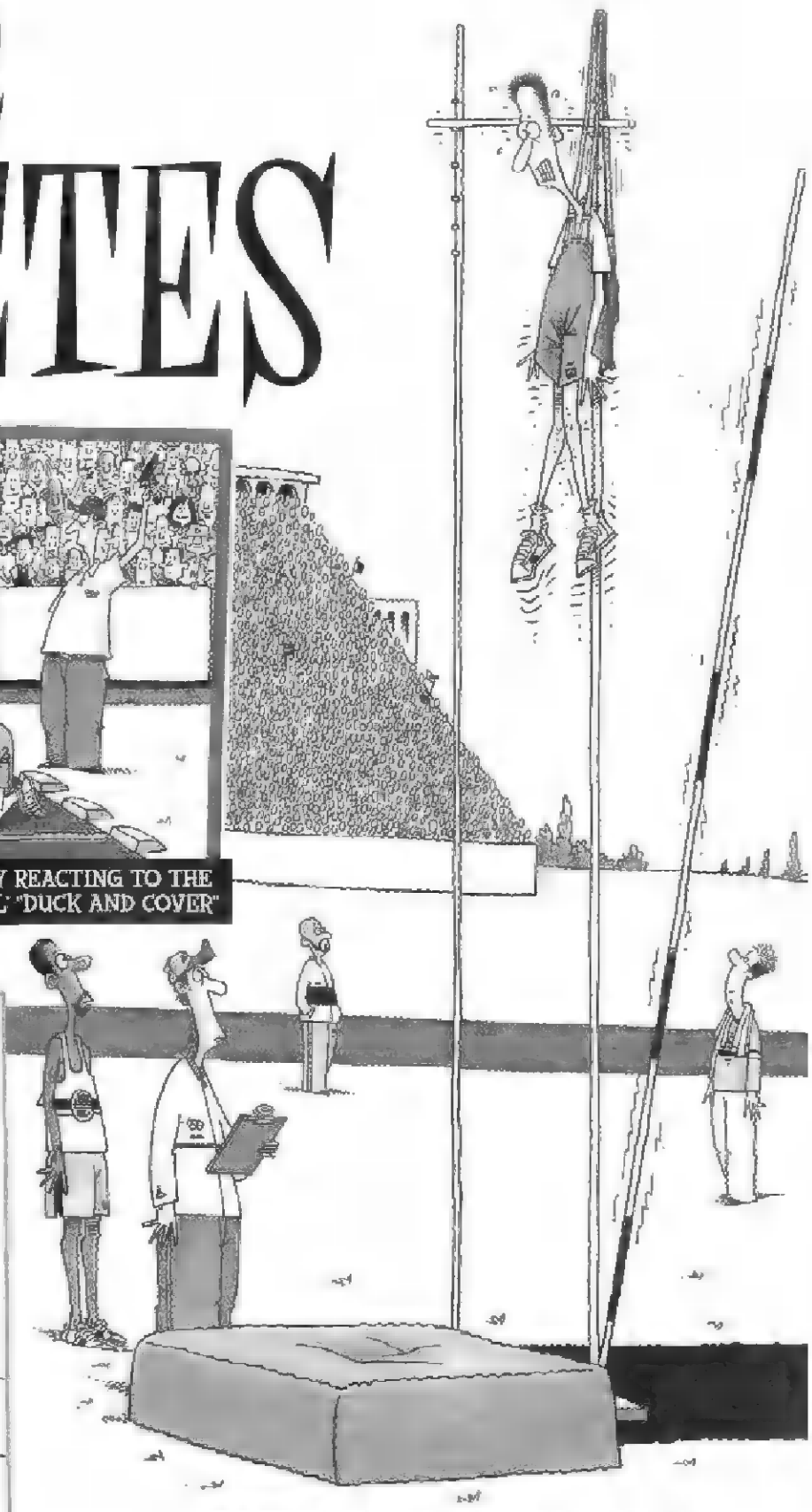
NEVER CELEBRATE PASSING A URINE TEST



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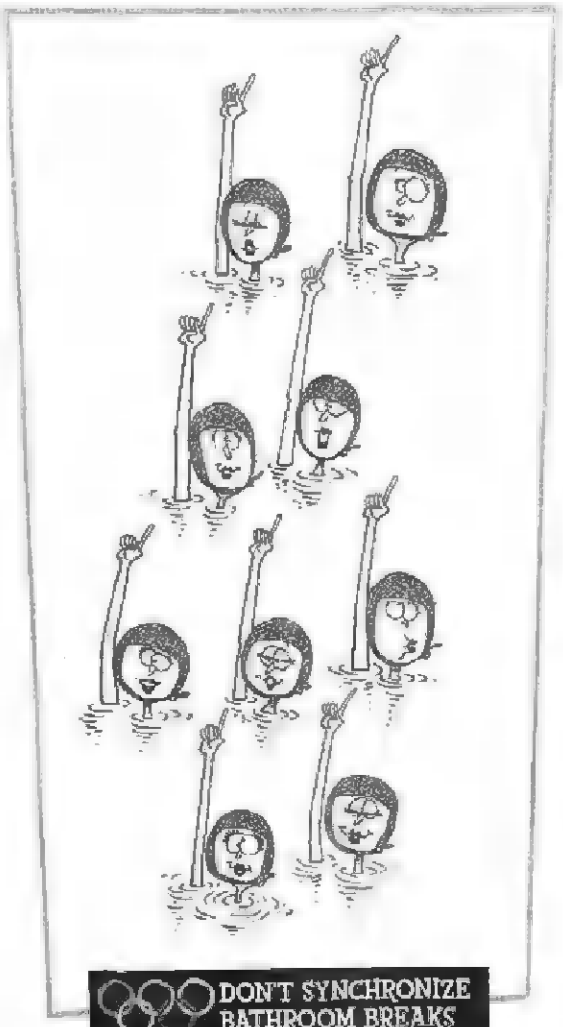

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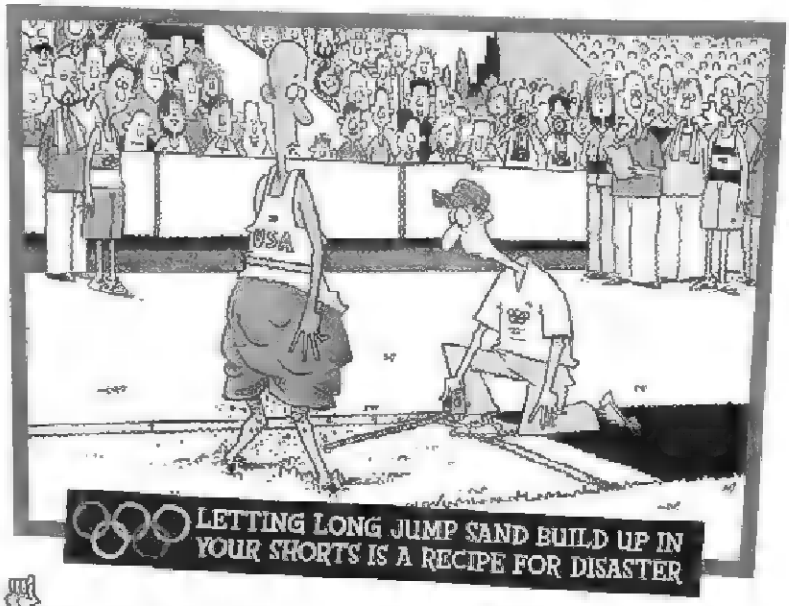

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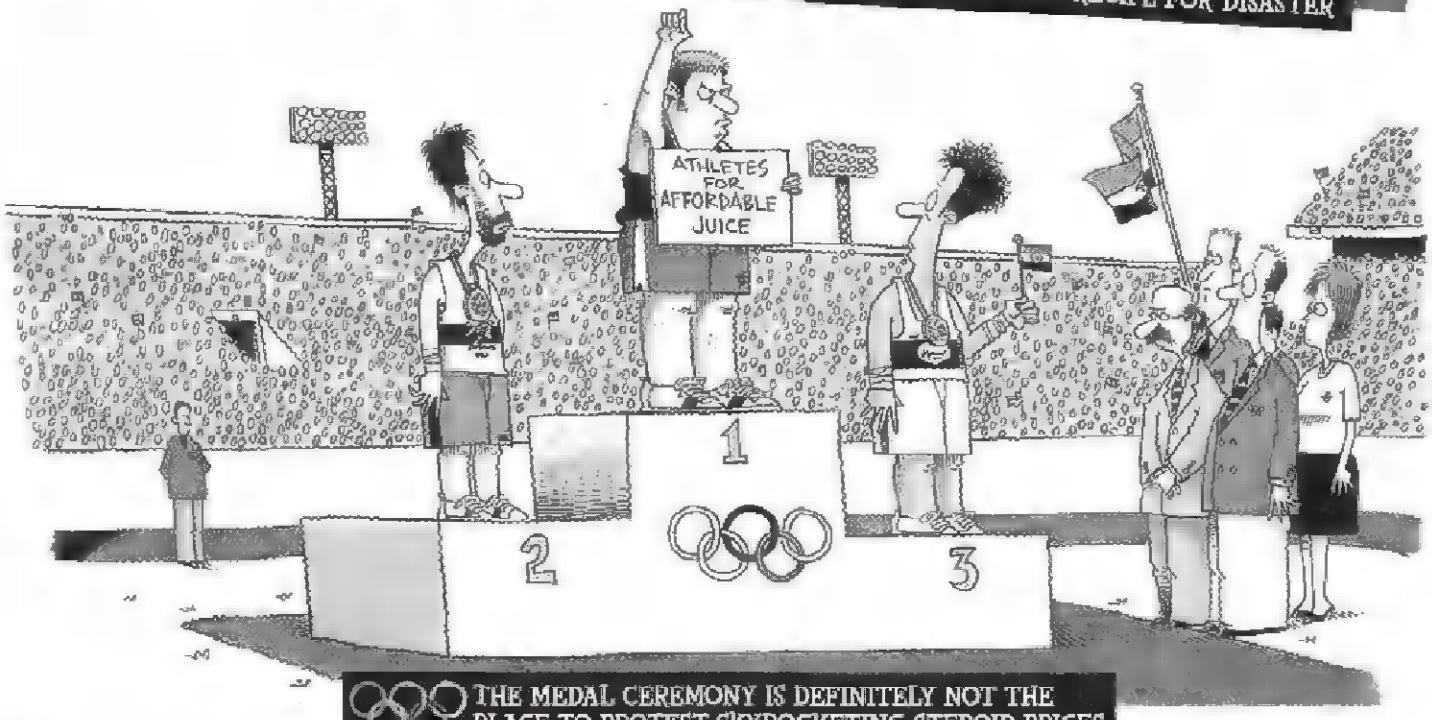

THE MEDAL CEREMONY IS DEFINITELY NOT THE PLACE TO PROTEST SKYROCKETING STEROID PRICES

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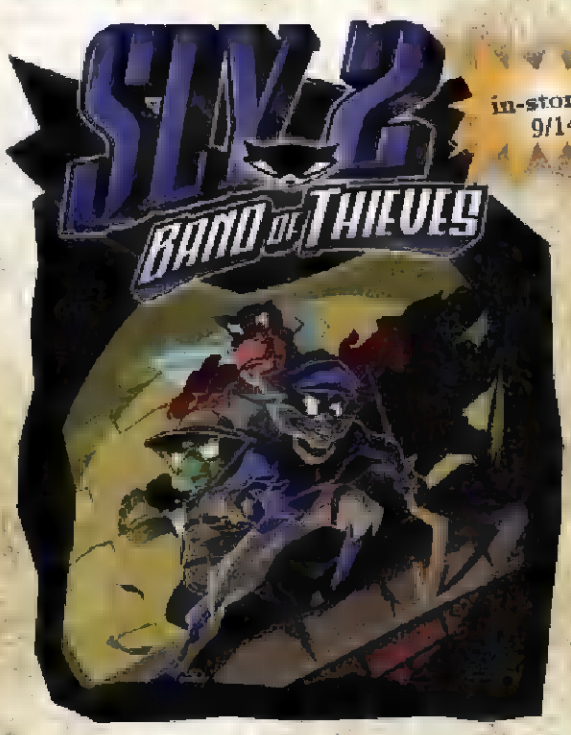

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HUGH JACKASS DEPT.

VAN HEL

Update ... horror ... of the '30s and '40s and what you get?... A horror that will never be a classic ... year! Not even when you bring in a guy who fearlessly battles monsters and special effects. No one can save this ... not even...

Well, Dr. Jerk-ill, I see you're a changed man! So tell me, Mr. Snide, what kind of powerful potion did you swallow to change so drastically?

Something brand new. It's called CGI! It can make you as big and as bad as you like!

You've made quite a switch! Instead of turning into Mr. Snide, it looks like you've turned into a hideous cross between The Incredible Hulk and Bill O'Reilly!

Victory Frankenfurter, I must have your monster!

My monster is my life's work! I won't give him up!

I need him to help me give birth to my babies!

Give birth to your babies? You can't! Transylvania still doesn't recognize same sex marriages! Try moving to Massachusetts!

What's that terrible commotion coming from under the ground? Is it rumblings from the Gates of Hell?

Naw, it's the sound of classic horror movie actors Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi and Lon Chaney Jr. spinning in their graves!!

My brother and I are the only two remaining members of the Hilarious family. We've spent over 400 years trying to kill Dreckula!

Well...not really! For one reason or another we put off doing anything about him for the first 395 years. But for the last 5, we've been on him pretty good!

Now I'm more determined than ever to rid the earth of his evil!

Anyone can tell you mean business, dear sister! Your leather boots are higher than ever, your leather outfit is tighter than ever and your new leather whip hits harder than ever! Damn, I wish you weren't my sister! I'm getting turned on!

KARLOFF

BELA LUGOSI

CHANEY JR

RUMBLE

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STINK
Look at those three creatures! If those are Dreckula's brides, we're in big trouble!
It could be worse! They could be Charlie's Angels here to make another dreadful sequel!
Burn him!
Destroy him!
Exterminate him!
Yes, we must kill Victory Franken-furter!
Kill Frankenfurter? You're in the wrong mob! This is the mob that wants to kill Stephen Sommers, the guy who wrote and directed this mess!
How do you know which panel of this satire to read first? It's totaling confusing!
I know! It's just like the movie, isn't it!
If you won't give me your monster, Dr. Frankenfurter, I'll just kill you and steal him!
Gladly! I'll beat you with this rod while Dreckula sucks your blood!!
Sorry, but Dreckula promised me that if I went to work for him, he'd never out-source my job to a hunchback in India!
E-Gads, help!
No — help ME, not Dreckula!
WE WERE SCARIER THAN THIS!
Paris – Notre Dame Cathedral
This was a good choice of cathedrals to pick for a fight, Mr. Snide! So few churches have these long ropes for us to swing on! And even fewer have 600-year-old stained glass windows to crash through!
Yes, but we never should have grabbed a rope during rush hour!
You're right! There's so much traffic up here, it's hard to try to kill each other effectively!
Rome – St. Peter's Cathedral. The part where they make the high tech weapons
Here at St. Peter's Cathedral & Munitions Factory, we're developing some of the most sophisticated weapons of mass destruction of vampires known to man! This is one of my latest inventions. It's a clove of garlic, a tube of holy water, a silver stake and a crucifix, all built into a single pocket knife. I know it's kind of big and unwieldy, but it *is* state-of-the-art, considering the year!
It's a light source, equal to the intensity of the sun. I call it a flash bulb, but I need to wait for the camera to be invented before I market it!
And what's this orb?

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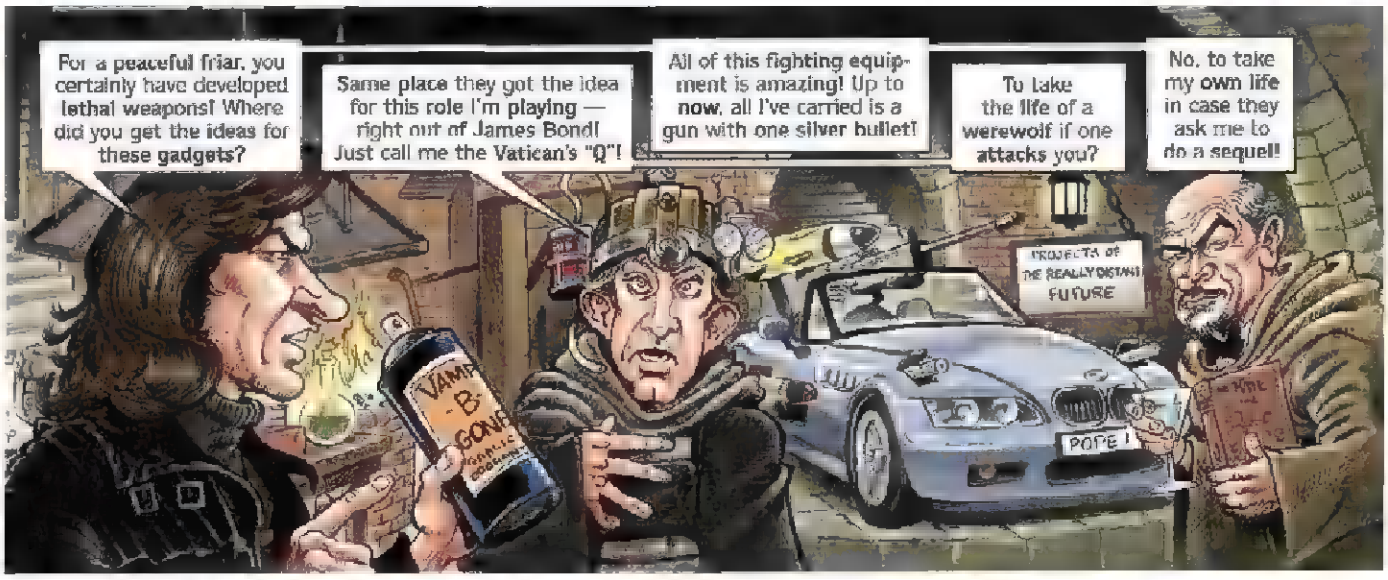
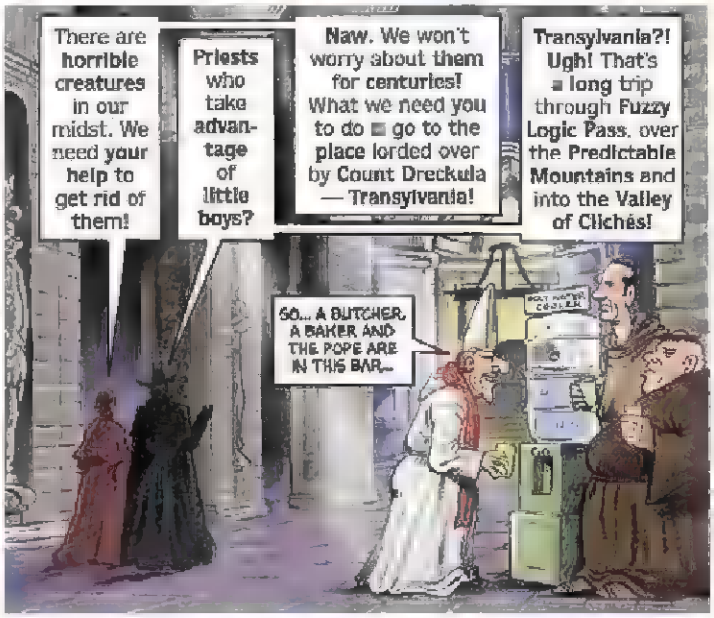

For a peaceful friar, you certainly have developed lethal weapons! Where did you get the ideas for these gadgets?
Same place they got the idea for this role I'm playing — right out of James Bond! Just call me the Vatican's "Q"!
All of this fighting equipment is amazing! Up to now, all I've carried is a gun with one silver bullet!
To take the life of a werewolf if one attacks you?
No, to take my own life in case they ask me to do a sequel!
VAMP-B-GONE
POPE!


There are horrible creatures in our midst. We need your help to get rid of them!
Priests who take advantage of little boys?
Naw. We won't worry about them for centuries! What we need you to do is go to the place lorded over by Count Dreckula — Transylvania!
Transylvania?! Ugh! That's a long trip through Fuzzy Logic Pass, over the Predictable Mountains and into the Valley of Clichés!
SO... A BUTCHER, A BAKER AND THE POPE ARE IN THIS BAR...

TRANSYLVANIA — THE BUSINESS DISTRICT
I am Van Helstink! I have come to help slay Dreckula!
I don't care if you're Indiana Jones — my brother and I don't welcome strangers!
Indiana Jones? It's this hat, isn't it! I was trying for my own identity, but it just doesn't work! I'm beginning to think we lifted way too many things from other movies!

Just follow any mob with torches and you'll usually find Franken-furter's monster!
Burn him! Destroy him!
Kill Franken-furter's monster!
Sorry! You're still in the wrong mob. This is the mob that wants to kill the jerk that wrote the loud, overbearing score for this movie!

We've come to kidnap you from Dreckula!
I'm most grateful! I won't be used to bring life to Dreckula's bat-babies!
I can't help notice that you speak very well for a monster made up of spare parts!
Thanks for the compliment! I rarely hear good things about myself. When they put me together they gave me the brain of Einstein, the tongue of William Shakespeare and, unfortunately, the face of Uday Hussein!

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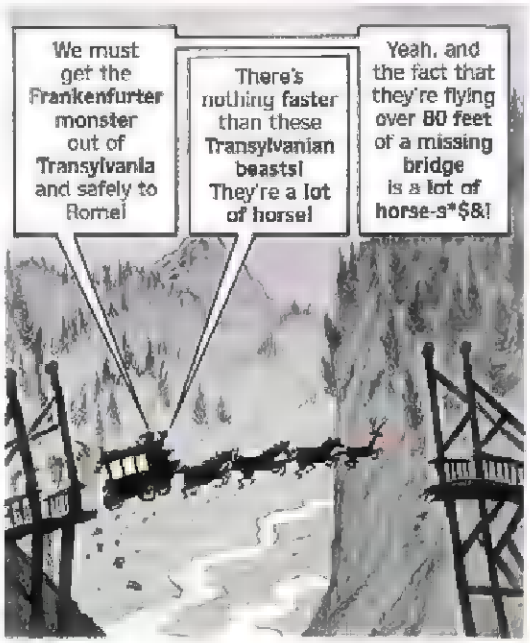
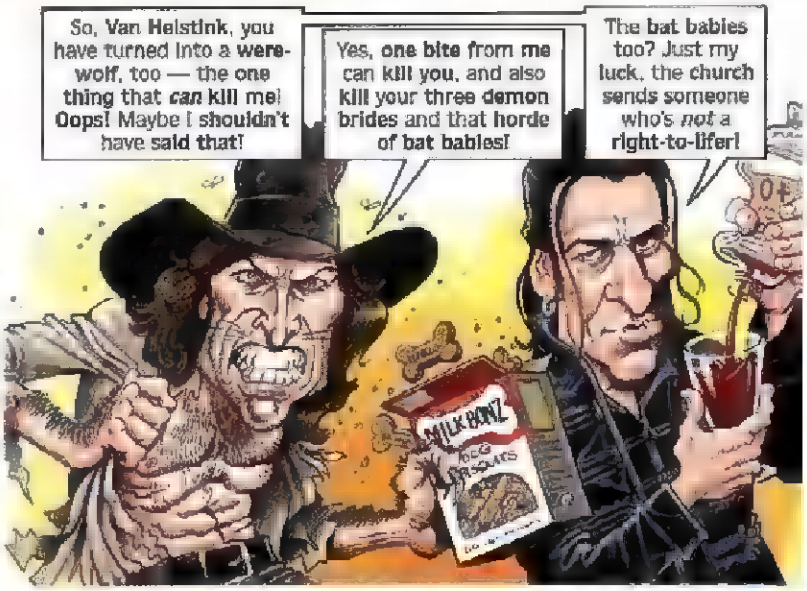

We must get the Frankenfurter monster out of Transylvania and safely to Rome!
There's nothing faster than these Transylvanian beasts! They're a lot of horse!
Yeah, and the fact that they're flying over 80 feet of a missing bridge is a lot of horse-s*$&!

Welcome! These pods hanging upside down from the ceiling are my children!
Well, you're not going to get any parenting award, that's for sure!
Award? Dreckula's the scum of the earth! He feels no love, he feels no sorrow, he feels no pity! He feels nothing!
That's not entirely true! I feel dizzy! I must stop walking upside down on these ceilings! I think I'm gonna throw up!

Onya! That's your brother! He was bitten by a werewolf! He ripped his skin off to reveal long, grizzly hair, and then he grew fangs! But not to worry! Dreckula has a cure for this!
Are you sure?
Positive! I saw him demonstrate it on a special Transylvanian edition of Extreme Makeovers!
WOOF!


So, Van Helstink, you have turned into a werewolf, too — the one thing that can kill me! Oops! Maybe I shouldn't have said that!
Yes, one bite from me can kill you, and also kill your three demon brides and that horde of bat babies!
The bat babies too? Just my luck, the church sends someone who's not a right-to-lifer!
MILK BONZ

So, I've been bitten, too! I didn't want to turn into a werewolf! I want to turn back into Wolverine instead! My last decent movie role!
That only happens if you're bitten by Stan Lee! But you'll die if you don't get the cure by 12 a.m. after the full moon on the second day of the month, or, to put it another way, in a minute!
In that case, we'd better wrap up loose plot lines real fast!
POCKET SCORES

Well, earlier, I set off my flash orb, which destroyed Dreckula's undead army!
And I've injected Van Helstink with the serum to change him back from a werewolf!
Well, that's good news for me, but you weren't fast enough to save yourself! Sorry to have put the bite on you, but you'll be dead in 30 seconds!
That's good news for me, too! It means I'm out of this flasco of a movie! So long, blood suckers!

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This year, NBC and its affiliates will be taking the unprecedented step of covering the summer Olympics 4 to 6 hours at a clip, boy, are YOU in for a snoozefest! How will they manage to fill up all the time

24 HOURS OF NBC'S END

12:00AM – 3:00AM

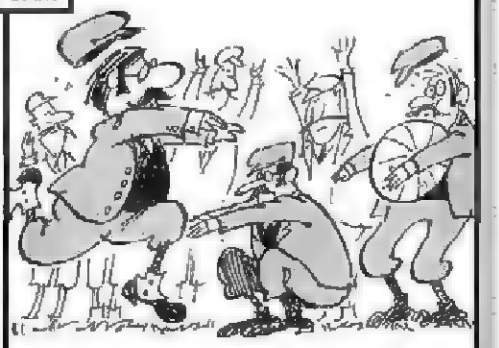
The running of the Marathon, showing lots of pre-taped footage of how the USA's top runner trained every day in the mountains of Colorado, which ultimately proves to be meaningless, since he ends up in 16th place, a full 27 minutes behind the slowest guy from Kenya.

3:00AM – 4:30AM

Totally moronic, incomprehensible and stereotype-heavy segment entitled "My Big Fat Greek Olympics" hosted by Nia Vardalos, which is meant to be funny and cute but is actually blatantly offensive to Greeks everywhere — and anyone with an IQ above 70.

4:30AM – 5:00AM

Grainy black and white footage of Olympic games from 70 years ago, depicting guys with handlebar mustaches and wearing knickers, gleefully tossing around a medicine ball and doing squat thrusts for no apparent reason.



10:00AM – 11:00AM

PBS-like travelogue about the history and architecture of the Acropolis that has nothing whatsoever to do with sports, but appeases NBC's contract with the Greek Chamber of Commerce.

11:00AM – 11:30AM

Pointless human-interest story about a Badminton player from a small farming town in New Delhi who made his own racket from a coconut husk and the bones of a rhesus monkey.

11:30AM – 2:00PM

Coverage of the Sailing qualifying trials, featuring the narcolepsy-inducing, pithy insights of the man who coached the Australian team to a bronze medal over 30 years ago and has been hitting the sauce ever since.

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

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every second of every day. So if you thought the programming was dull when they were covering only during this godforsaken event? We'll show you exactly what kind of mindless blather to expect during...

LESS **OLYMPIC** COVERAGE

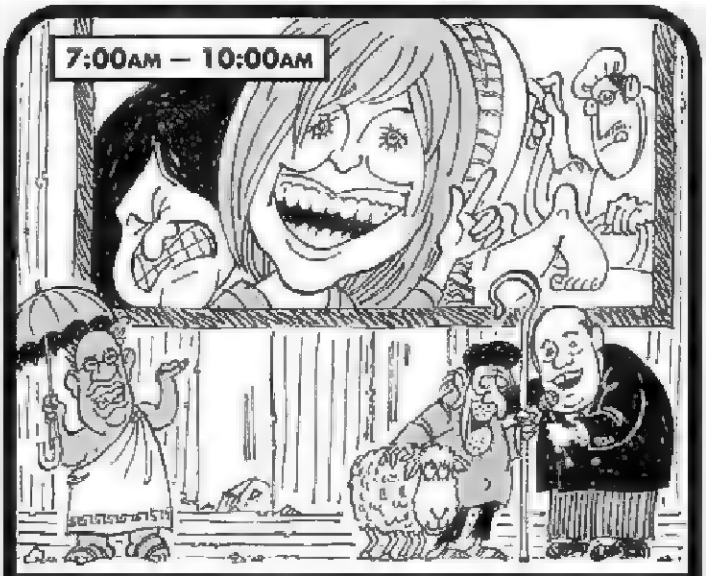
5:00AM – 6:00AM

Detailed breakdown of the Men's Handball semi-finals, which makes millions wonder why hopscotch, marbles and red rover never made it as Olympic sports.

6:00AM – 7:00AM

Comprehensive analysis of the Triathlon, in which commentators dissect every possible aspect of the event except for the key question of how competitors who go straight from swimming to riding a bike without changing their clothes manage to avoid severe crotch rash.

7:00AM – 10:00AM



Special version of *The Today Show* broadcast live from the Parthenon, in which Al Roker gives his weather report while wearing sandals and a toga, Willard Scott congratulates a shepherd and his sheep on their 75th wedding anniversary, and Katie Couric browbeats the mayor of Athens into getting a colonoscopy, then shows it on a Jumbotron during the opening ceremony.

2:00PM – 4:30PM

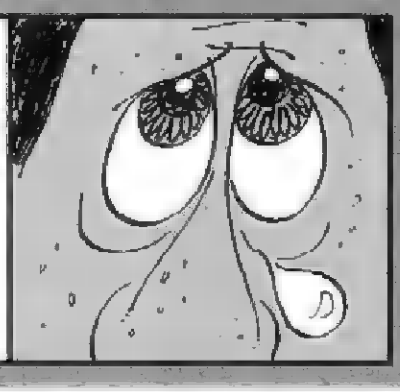
Full-blown coverage of the USA Basketball team's 168-31 victory over Yemen, announced in such a way as to reassure Americans that they are superior in every way to the peoples of the Middle East.

4:30PM – 5:00PM

Obligatory coverage of Constantinos Daskalakis, the Greek wrestler who has the best shot of winning a medal for the host country, but will actually come in 74th place after rupturing his groin twelve seconds into his match because of an illegal maneuver by some drooling imbecile from Uganda.

5:00PM – 6:00PM

Tae kwon do medal ceremony, featuring ridiculously extreme close-ups of the tear running down the gold-medalist's face, which the announcers attribute to national pride, but is more likely the result of the fact that his country's national anthem is being absolutely destroyed by the high school brass band attempting to play it.



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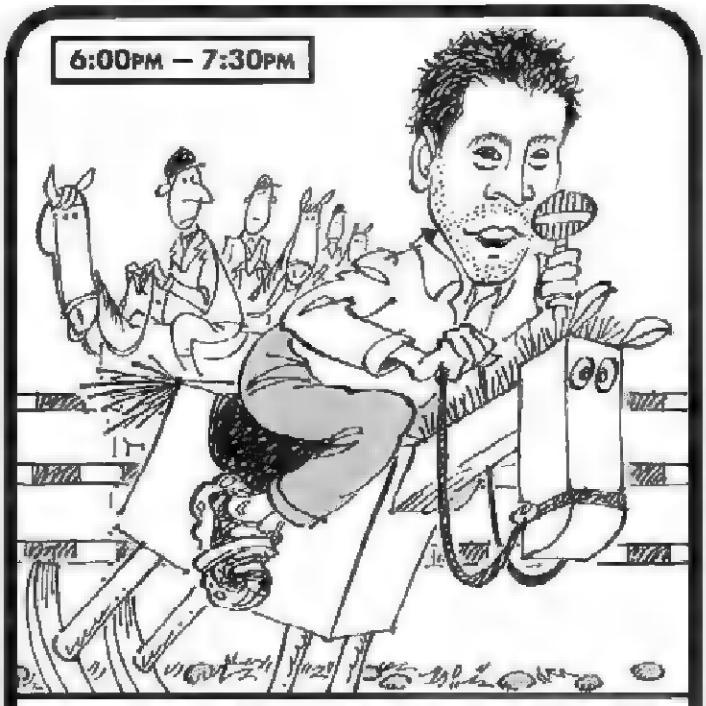
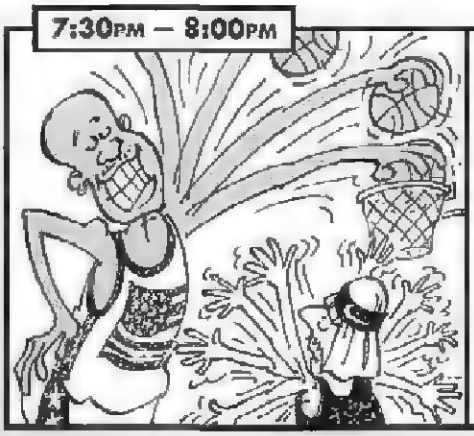
24 HOURS OF NBC'S ENDLESS OLYMPIC COVERAGE

6:00PM – 7:30PM



The equestrian snoozefest, which NBC uses as an opportunity to subtly plug the new series *Joey* by bringing in Matt LeBlanc as a celebrity commentator, even though he couldn't even spell "equestrian" let alone *provide any kind of remotely meaningful insight into the sport.*

7:30PM – 8:00PM

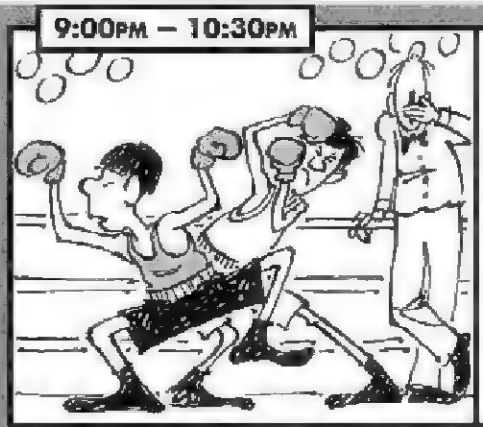


Recap of the day's events so far, with more than half the broadcast devoted to slow motion close-ups of the USA Basketball team slam-dunking the ball in the faces of their Yemenite opponents.

8:00PM – 9:00PM

Women's Volleyball match between Sweden and Norway, which will have no bearing at all on the medal rounds, but gives NBC an excuse to show extreme close-ups of the beaded sweat on the bosoms of young, nubile, swimsuit-clad blonde women frolicking around on a beach during prime time.

9:00PM – 10:30PM

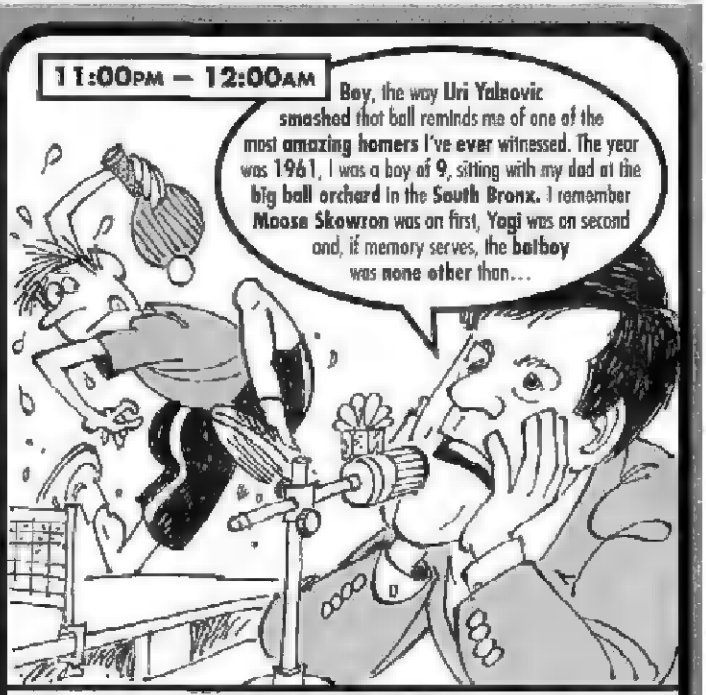


Frightfully dull bantamweight-boxing match in which the frenetic fighter from Indonesia keeps on dancing around in circles while the disinterested fighter from Sri Lanka seems to be blocking punches that aren't being thrown.

10:30PM – 11:00PM

Contrived sappy story about the camaraderie between the athletes living in the Olympic Village, which fails to point out that the NBA players are actually living on luxury cruise ships and the closest they'll get to one of the regular athletes' cubicles is when their stretch limo passes it on the way to Athens' most exclusive "gentlemen's club."

11:00PM – 12:00AM


Boy, the way Uri Yalnovic smashed that ball reminds me of one of the most amazing homers I've ever witnessed. The year was 1961, I was a boy of 9, sitting with my dad at the big ball orchard in the South Bronx. I remember Moose Skowron was on first, Yogi was on second and, if memory serves, the batboy was none other than…

Full color commentary of the Table Tennis competition, in which Bob Costas somehow manages to segue into yet another self-indulgent, nostalgic story about how his dad would take him to Yankee Stadium in the 1960s and he would sit on his lap eating Cracker Jacks and cheering on the Mick.

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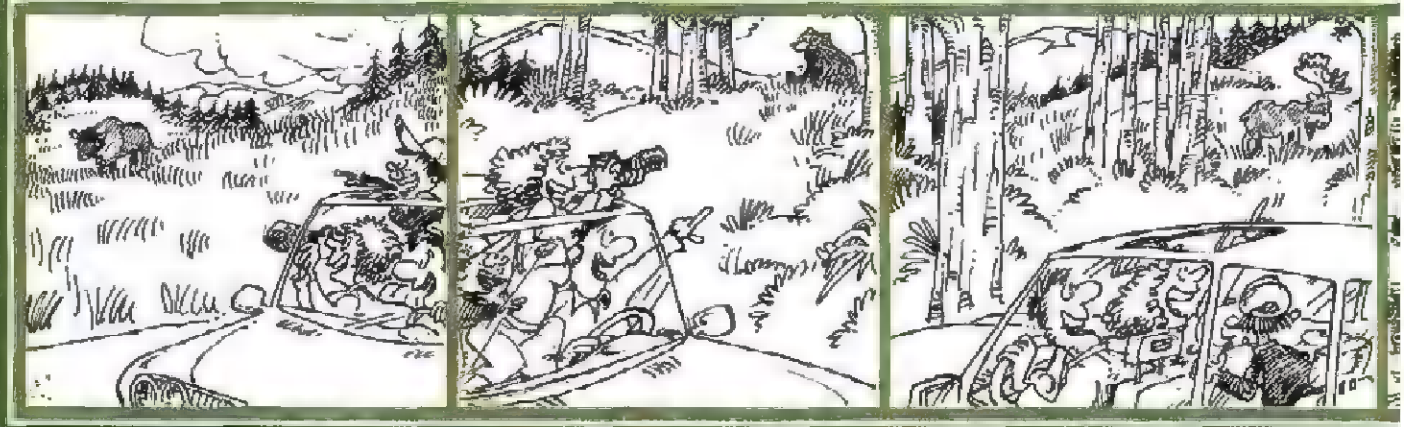

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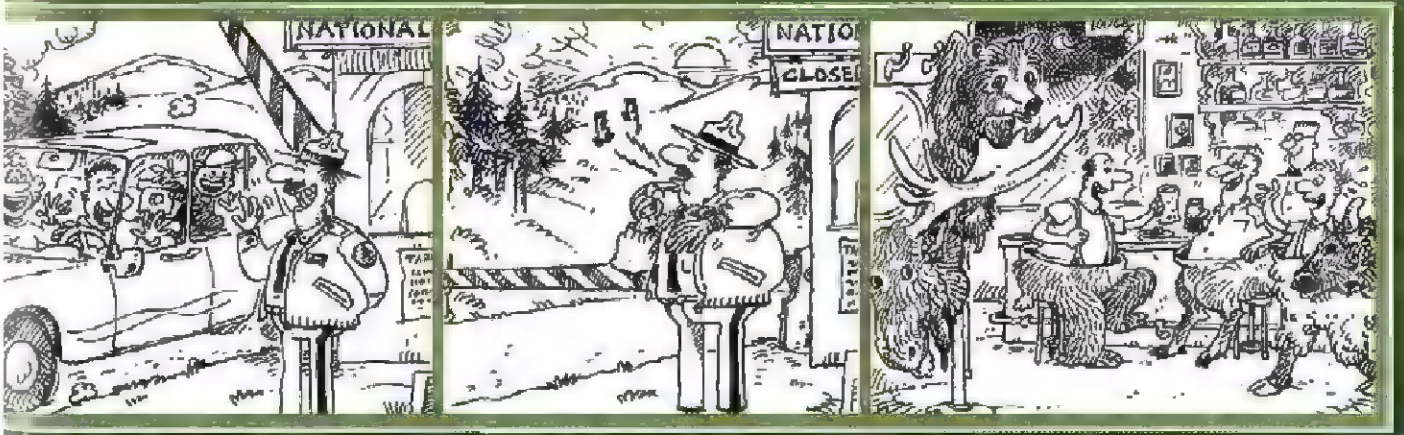

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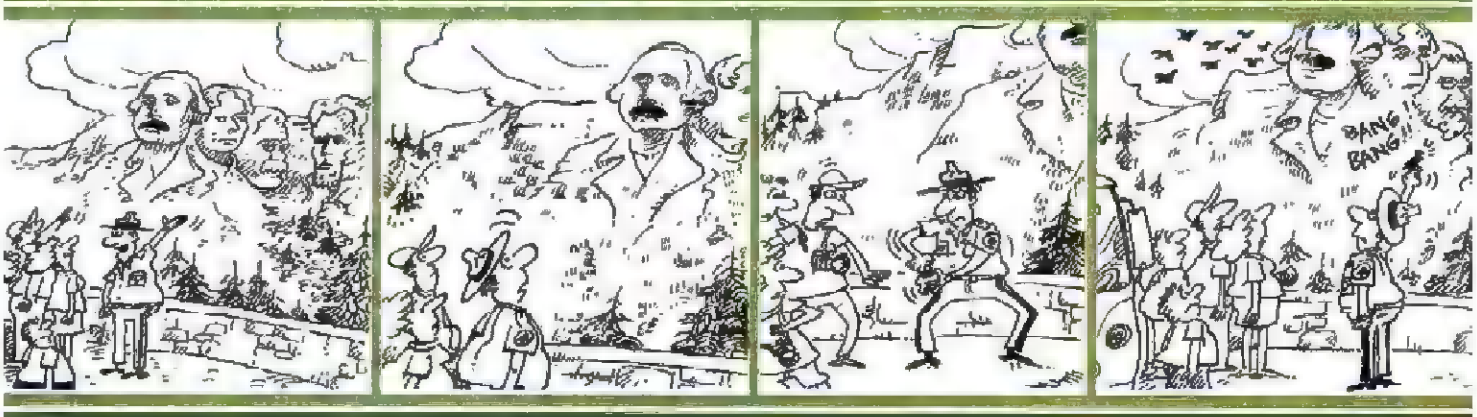

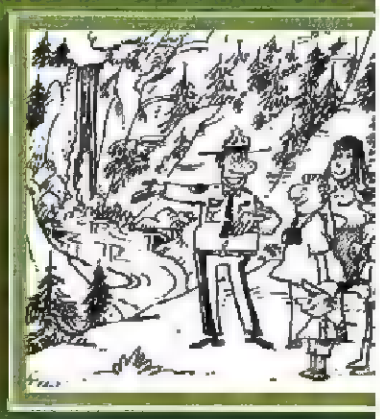

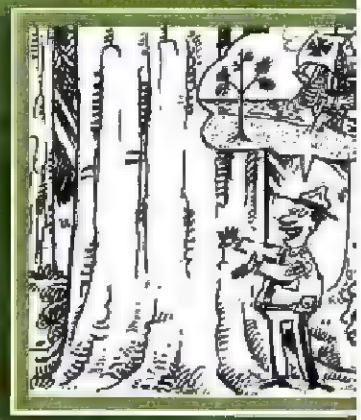

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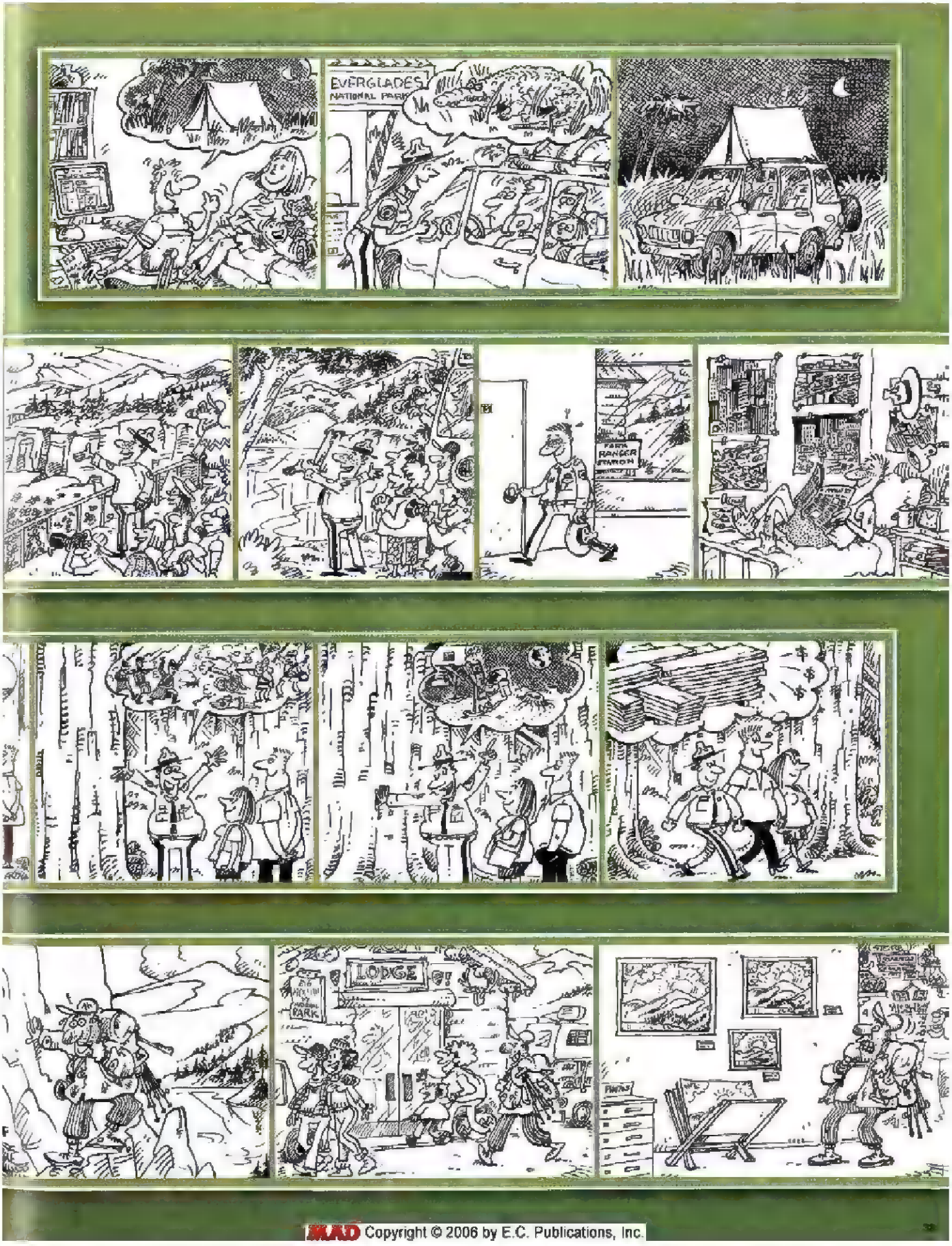

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LET THE GAMES BE THIN DEPT.

THE OBESITY OLYMPICS

Let's face it – we're a big, fat nation! But that's not necessarily a bad thing! After all, we're a country that prides itself on being the biggest *and* the best! So it's only a matter of time before we customize the Olympics to show the world that we're also the best at *being* the biggest!

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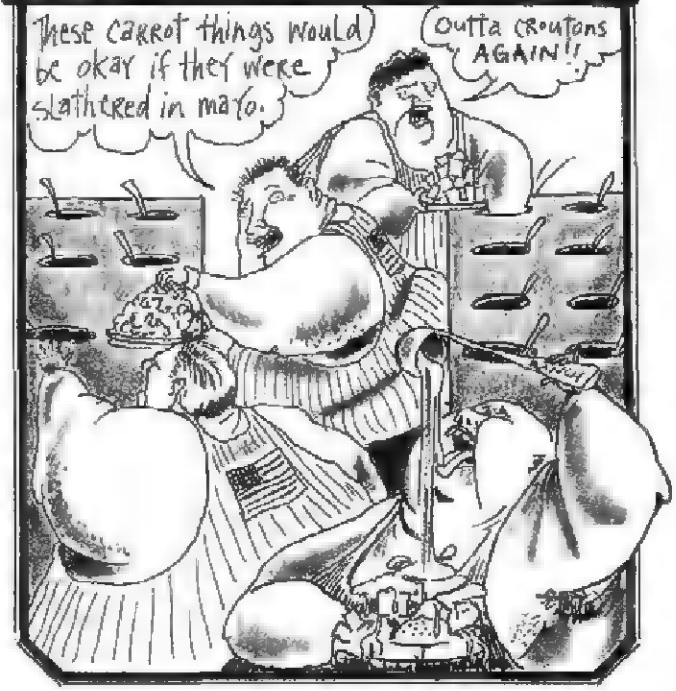
PARALLEL SALAD BARS



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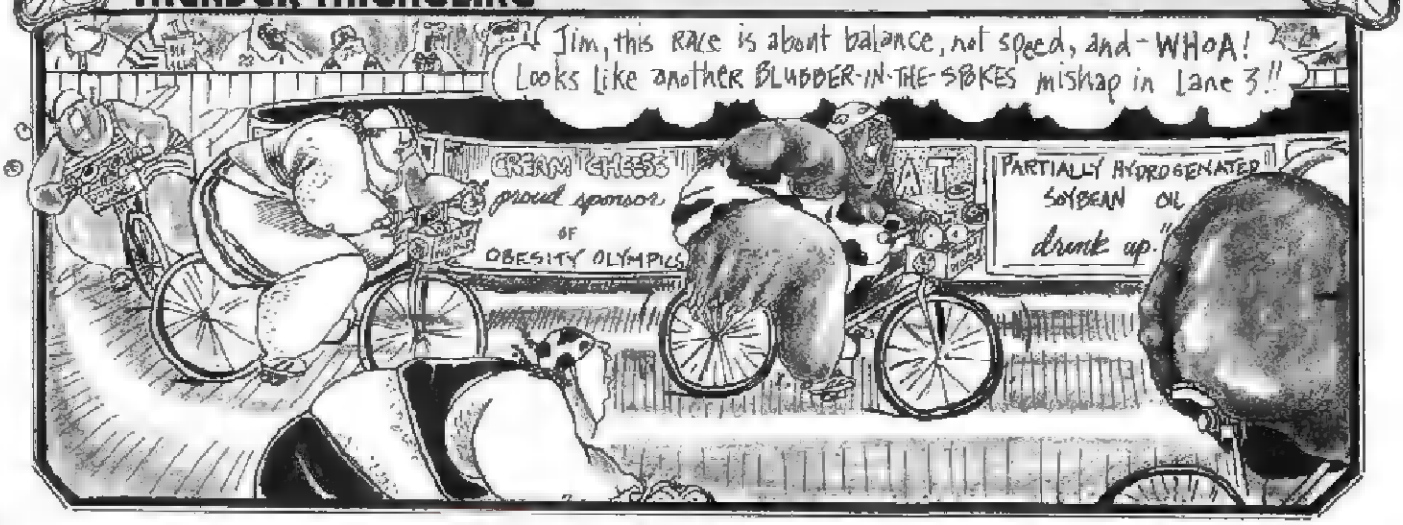
Jim, this race is about balance, not speed, and - WHOA! Looks like another BLUBBER-IN-THE-SPOKES mishap in Lane 3!!
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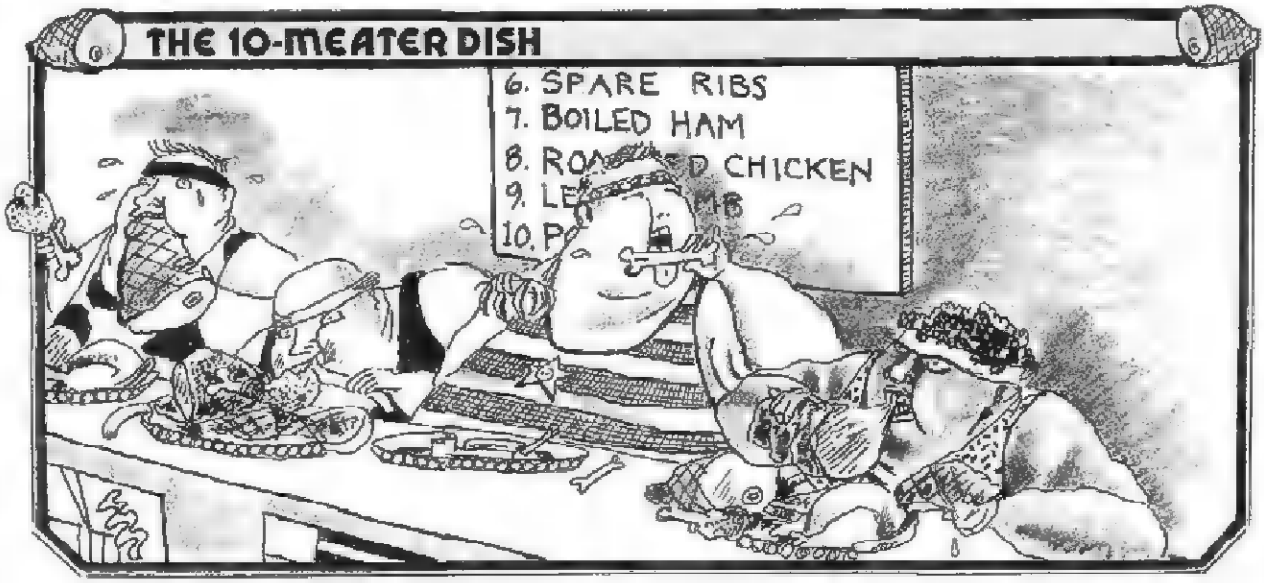
PUMMELLED HORSE

GO U.S.A. JUMBONASTICS!
HOLY COWS!! Only 6 seconds into his mount and the American had that baby crumbling like blen cheese!!
DANG HE'S GOOD!

THE 10-MEATER DISH



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WAITER LIFTING

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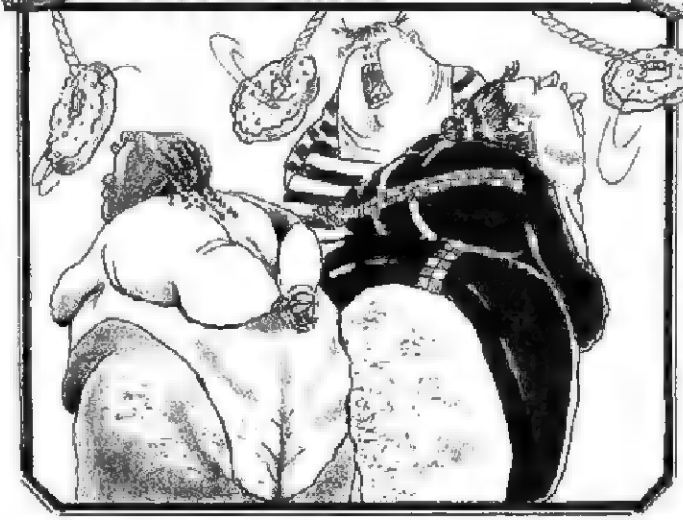

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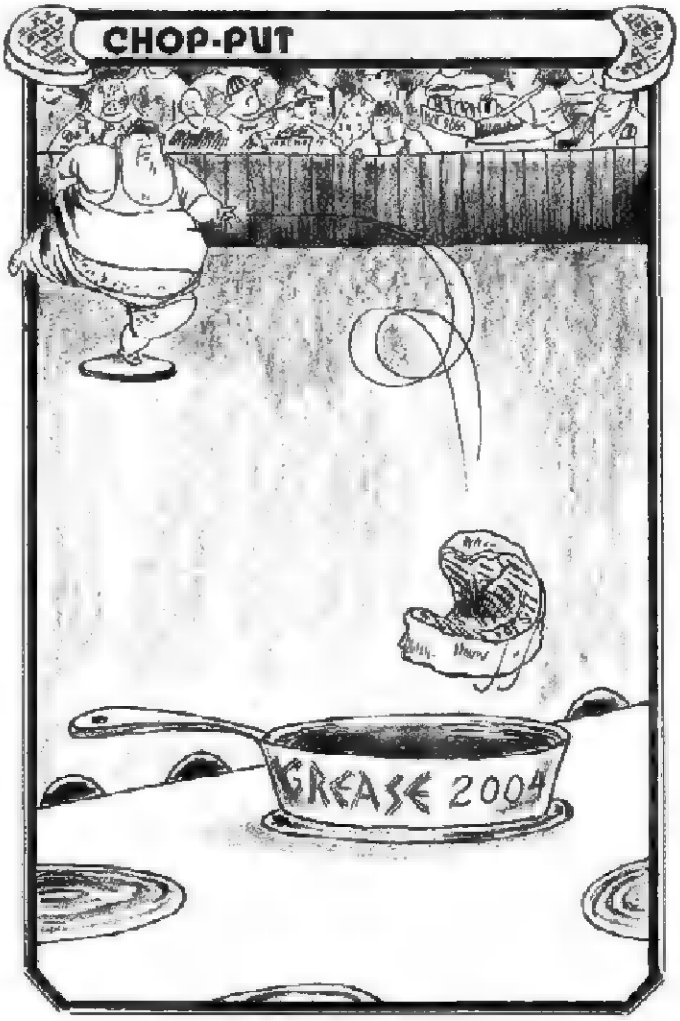

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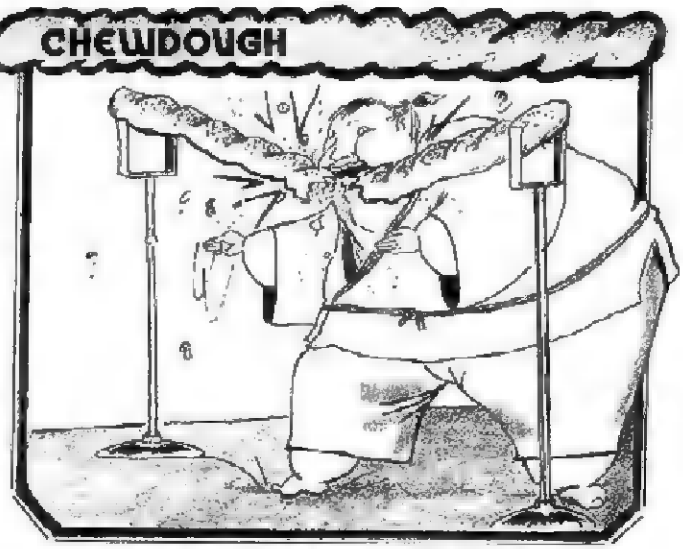

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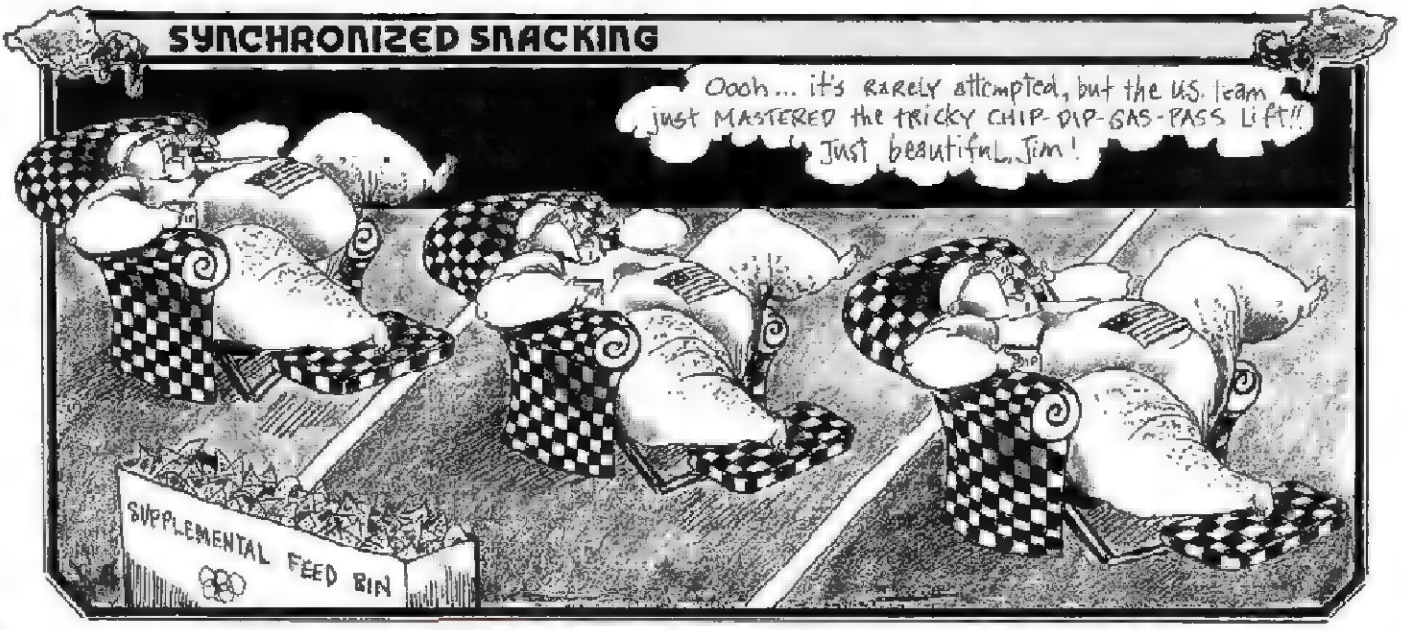
Oooh... it's RARELY attempted, but the U.S. team just MASTERED the TRICKY CHIP-DIP-GAS-PASS Lift!! Just beautiful, Jim!
SUPPLEMENTAL FEED BIN

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If the old adage, "dying is easy; comedy is hard," is true, then being subjected to most of the pathetic pap that passes for humor today is nothing short of torture. (Donald Rumsfeld, take note!) It's no easy task identifying the absolute biggest failures when it comes to inducing yuks, but, dedicated pros that we are, we've pushed our schmozz (A funny word!) to the proverbial grindstone and come up with the definitive list of...

MAD's 50 WORST THINGS ABOUT... COMEDY

1 **MAD Magazine: Over 50 years of obvious, groan-inducing parodies, shameless cheap shots and an ever-increasing cover price, making it practically undeniable that it is regular, schmuck readers like you who are the REAL "usual gang of idiots."**

2 **That torturous, oh-so-tired, annually updated Chanukah song — which *must* be funny, since Adam Sandler can rarely get through a performance of it without laughing at the lyrics he's written.**

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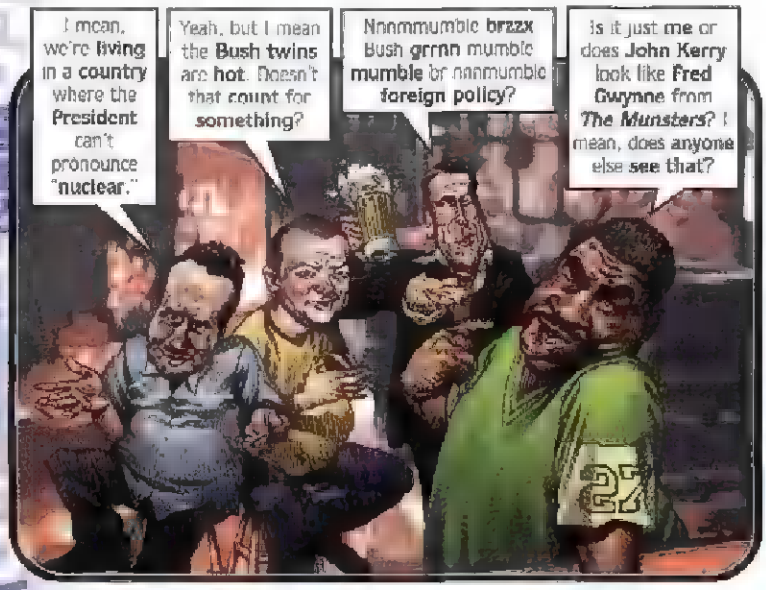
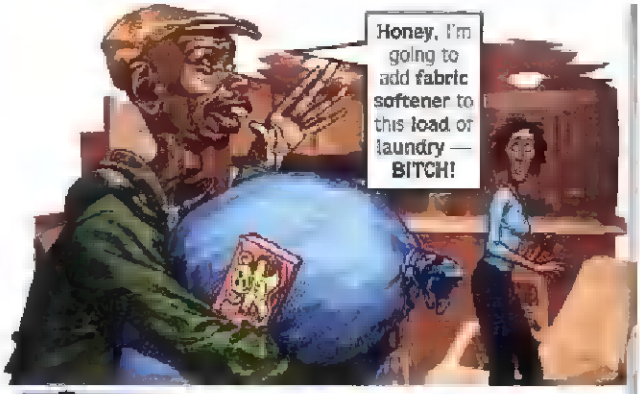
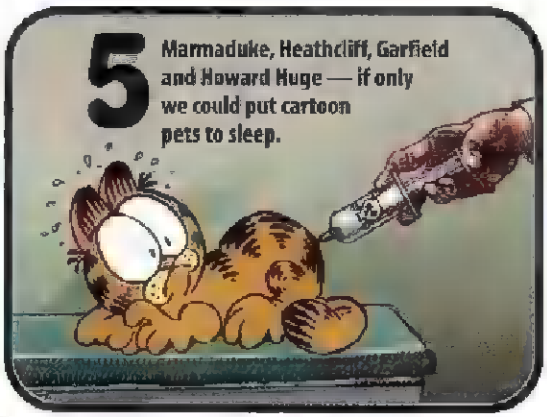

I mean, we're living in a country where the President can't pronounce "nuclear."
Yeah, but I mean the Bush twins are hot. Doesn't that count for something?
Nnnmmumble brzzx Bush grnnn mumble mumble or nnnmumble foreign policy?
Is it just me or does John Kerry look like Fred Gwynne from The Munsters? I mean, does anyone else see that?

3 Comedy Central's mistaken assumption that the more uninformed D-list comedians you throw together, the funnier the ensuing news commentary show will be.



4 Dave Chappelle, who every week tests the limit of how many mediocre skits can be saved by bursting in and screaming some phrase that ends in the word "BITCH!"



5 Marmaduke, Heathcliff, Garfield and Howard Huge — if only we could put cartoon pets to sleep.

6 Comedy clubs' two drink minimum — that's nowhere near enough liquor to get you as drunk as you need to be to find their "comic all-stars" even *remotely* amusing.

8 Comedians who squeeze more money and mileage out of the same tired standup routines they've been performing for decades by printing them in an overpriced book, minus the attitude and timing, thereby rendering them even less funny.

7 Seven years of *South Park*, times approximately sixty million teenagers equals... let's see... roughly 42,000,000 bad Cartman impressions.

I've been lickin' this carpet for three whole hours!
Yeesh!
I'm not fat. I'm big-boned!
Kenny's family's on welfare!
I want Cheesy Poofs!
Kyle, you're being a Negative Nancy!
Make me some pie!

9 Movies or TV programs that show blooper reels over the credits, hoping you'll forget how awful the actual scripted production was and instead remember how hilarious it was when, say, Jim Belushi kept mispronouncing the word "mellifluous."

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10 *Hollywood Squares*: they ply us with badly-delivered scripted "ad libs" that make Paul Lynde turn over in his grave, when the *real* comedy would be to see footage of Dom DeLuise being forklifted up to the second tier.

11 The foolish stereotype that all the best comedy writers are old Jewish guys. Facacta people who believe that are all meshugga goyim who should get tsuris.

12 Shakespearean comedies that haven't been funny in 400 years that you feel compelled to laugh at anyway, in an effort to appear sophisticated like everyone else stuck there not enjoying it.

13 Awards show banter that you'd swear Bruce Vilanch is cribbing from old Bazooka Joe comics.

14 Any of Tracey Ullman's stable of makeup-heavy characters, all of whom sound the same and look like their faces are melting off.

15 Spencer Gifts — suppliers of "hilarious" props for class clowns and smart-asses everywhere, like an "I'm With Stupid" t-shirt, aerosol fart spray or a comical plastic man who blows bubbles out of his ass.

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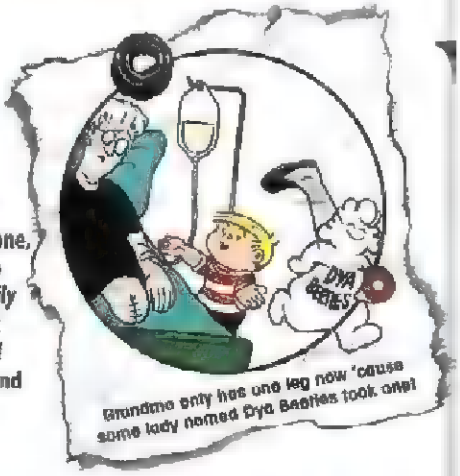
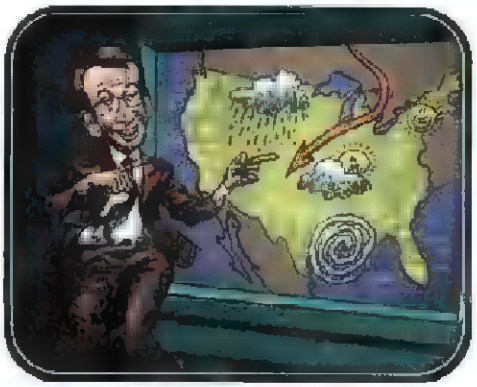
16 *Will & Grace*: Pity the poor bastards who have to forego writing funny scripts and instead are forced to fashion convoluted plots that explain how the characters end up meeting this week's gay or gay-friendly celebrity.

17 Anything in your email inbox with a subject line that reads "Fwd: FWD: FWD: FWD: Fwd: Fwd: FWD: Re: Fwd: FWD: FWD: FWD: re: Fwd: Fwd: Fwd: THIS IS FUNNY!!"

18 The unsettling realization that every day, someone, somewhere, is so tickled by a *Family Circus* panel that they clip it out of the newspaper and post it on their fridge.



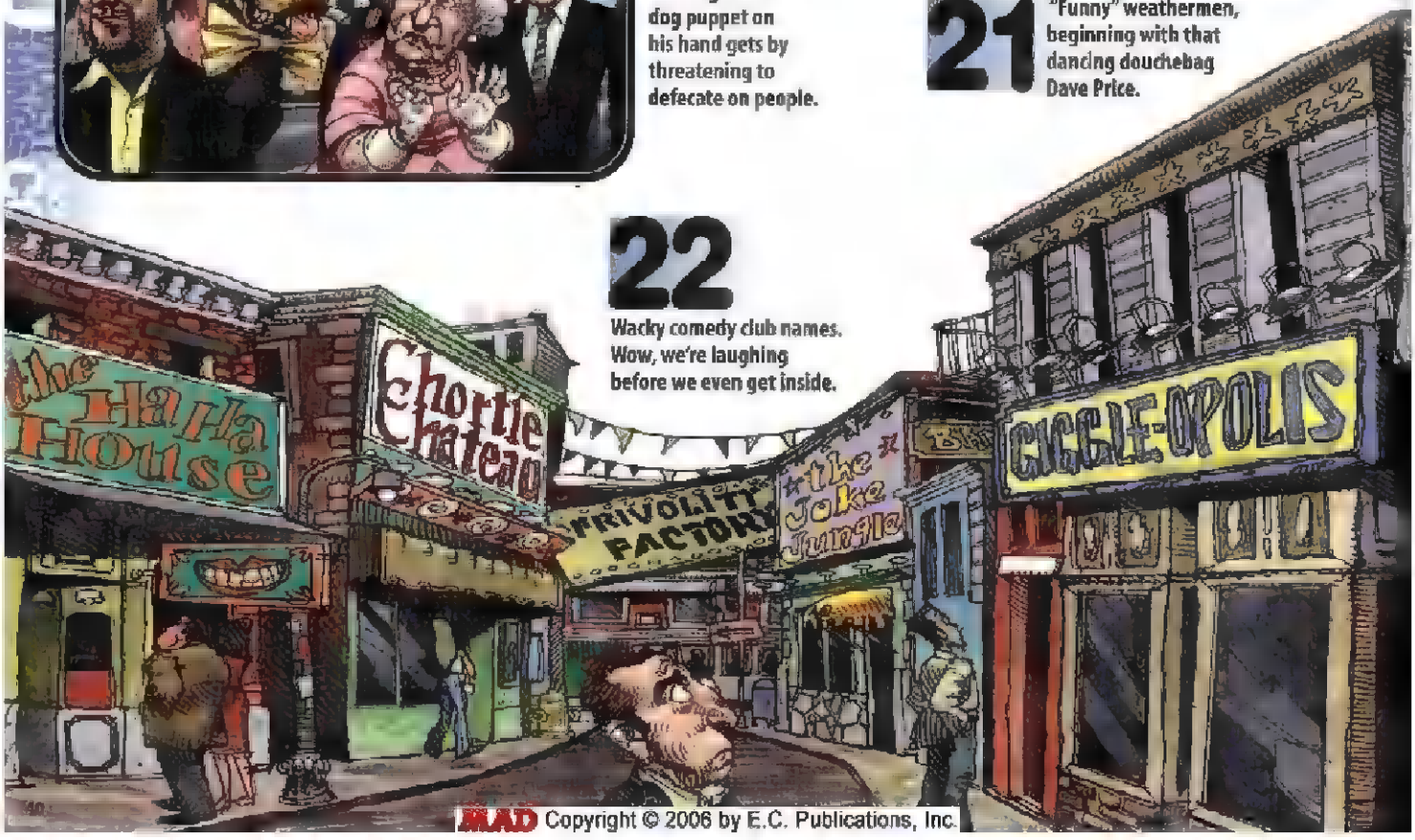
19 Numbnuts who waste your time trying in vain to explain an "unbelievably hilarious" situation before ultimately realizing that "you had to be there."



20 The surprising mileage a man wearing a latex dog puppet on his hand gets by threatening to defecate on people.

21 "Funny" weathermen, beginning with that dancing douchebag Dave Price.

22 Wacky comedy club names. Wow, we're laughing before we even get inside.



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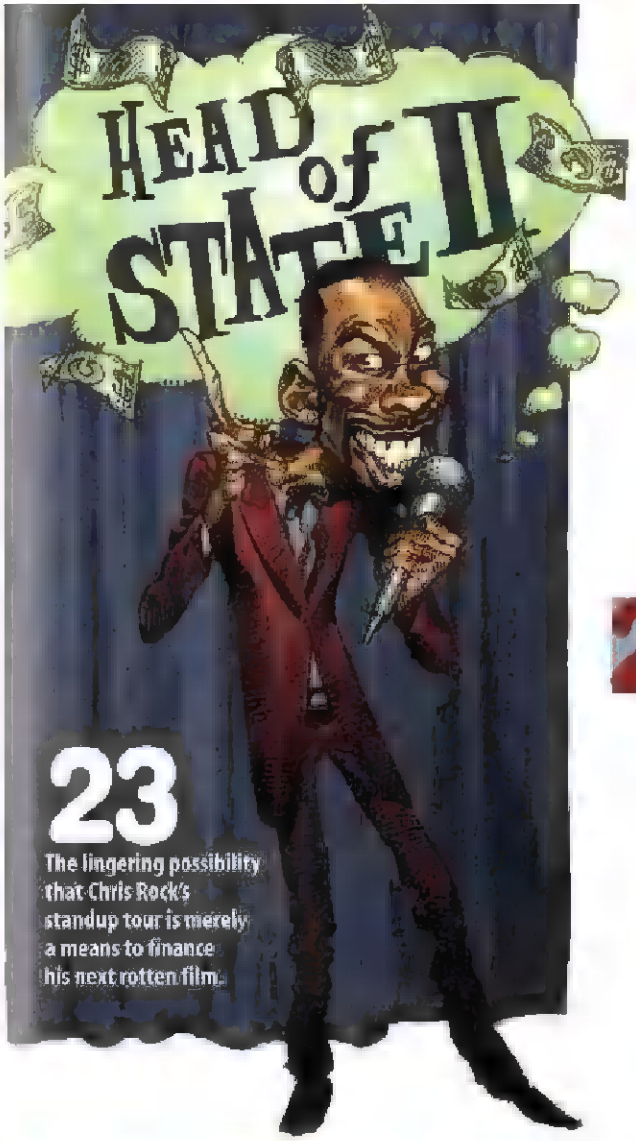
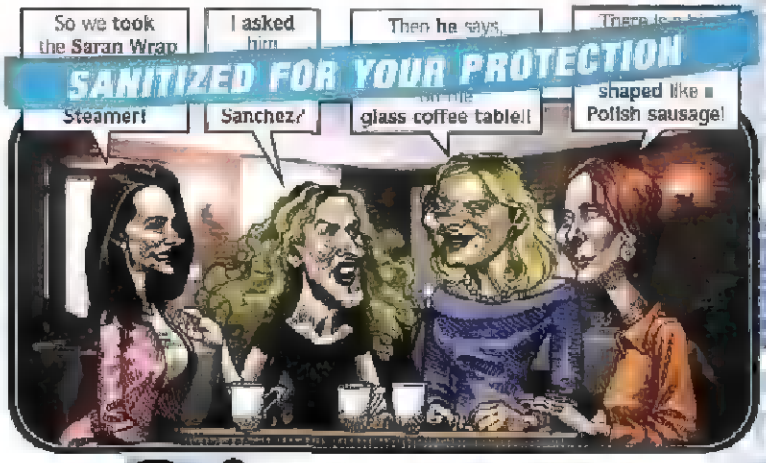


23 The lingering possibility that Chris Rock's standup tour is merely a means to finance his next rotten film.



24 The edited episodes of *Sex and the City* on TBS — without the nudity and profanity they might as well call the show *The View II*.

25 Woody Allen's unique ability to bring together interesting and often brilliant actors of wildly divergent talents — yet end up making nothing but wildly divergent, forgettably mediocre movies.

26 Being singled out for all of Don Rickles' ruthless barbs when there's a perfectly good fat, black, Puerto Rican Jew in a funny hat and loud shirt sitting in the front row.

Hey there, unibrow! Last time I saw an eyebrow like that, it was on an Italian grandmother!
Don't be stingy, pal shear that thing off, willya? I know an orphanage that could use six new blankets, you hockey puck!
No, pal, there's nothing wrong with your eyebrow — if you're a cyclops! Someone take a weed-whacker to that thing!

27 The creepy troika of comedy that makes even the bravest of the brave cower in fear: clowns, ventriloquist dummies and carrot top.

28 The Learning Annex catalog's ridiculous claim that you can "Learn to Do Stand-Up" in "one intense session" by following the remedial instruction of a self-proclaimed funnyman whose only steady gig is presiding over twenty clueless hopefuls the second Tuesday of every other month from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in a windowless, un-air-conditioned room rented from a local elementary school.

29 That large mushroom growing on top of Bernie Mac's head. Oh, wait, that's his 'fro.

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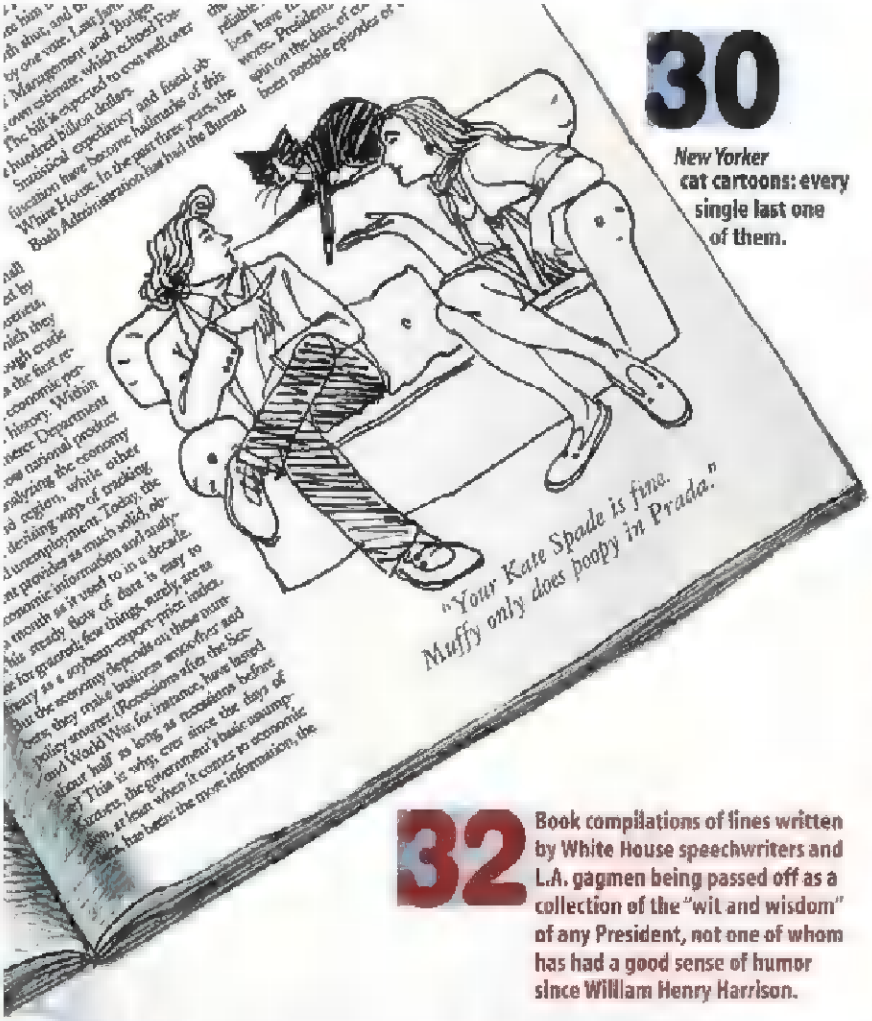
30 *New Yorker* cat cartoons: every single last one of them.

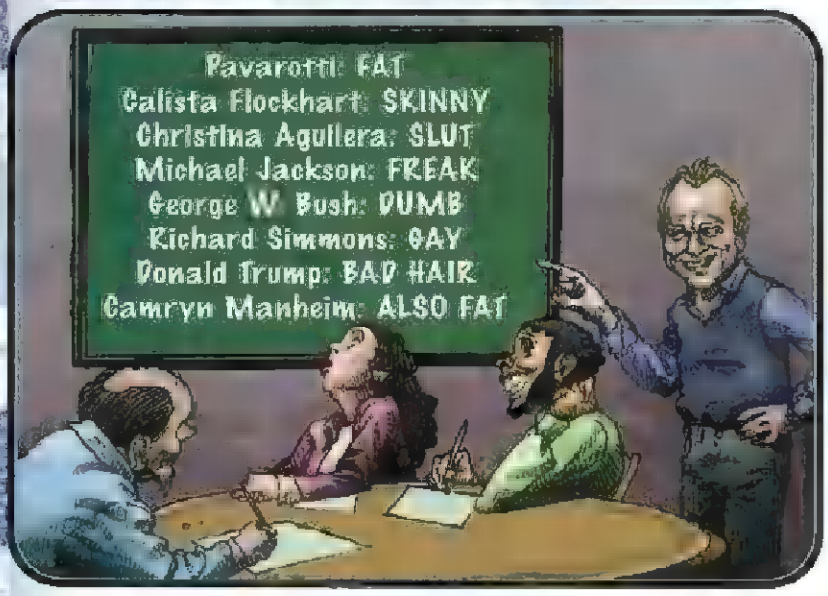


31 Al Franken, who has managed to match Rush Limbaugh's level of smugness and childlike name calling without having to pop thousands of pain pills.

32 Book compilations of lines written by White House speechwriters and L.A. gagmen being passed off as a collection of the "wit and wisdom" of any President, not one of whom has had a good sense of humor since William Henry Harrison.

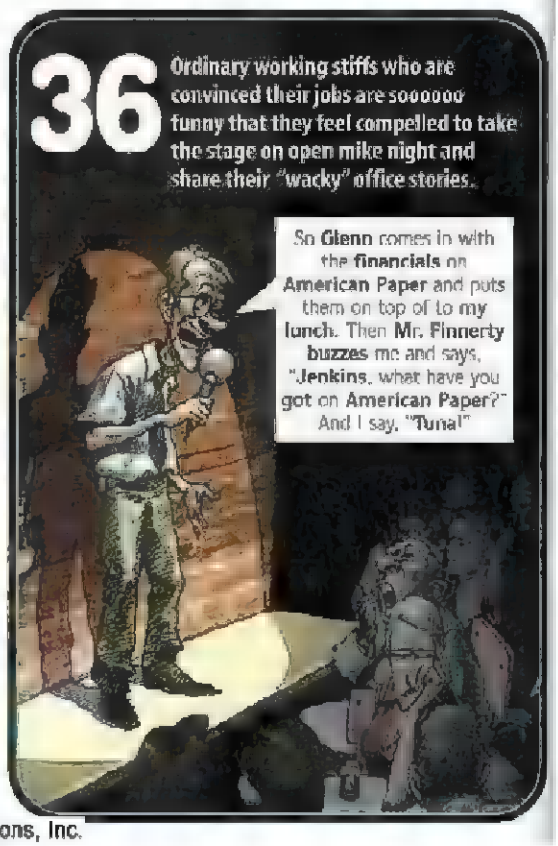
33 The "Golden Age of Radio Comedies" on cassette, packed in a box shaped like an old Philco radio, that you received as a Christmas gift from some hopelessly out-of-touch relative, which you'll never listen to and will re-gift the first chance you get.

34 The rule book for all late-night talk show writers that insists jokes about celebrities must always be about the ONE real or imagined trait that was agreed upon by some unimaginative secret comedy cabal.



35 The inexplicable need comedic actors have "to tackle a serious role for a change," which invariably results in a soppy, slow-paced snorefest. How long before Jim Carrey, Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd team up in an all-male remake of *Steel Magnolias*?

36 Ordinary working stiffs who are convinced their jobs are soooooo funny that they feel compelled to take the stage on open mike night and share their "wacky" office stories.


So Glenn comes in with the financials on American Paper and puts them on top of to my lunch. Then Mr. Finnerty buzzes me and says, "Jenkins, what have you got on American Paper?" And I say, "Tuna!"

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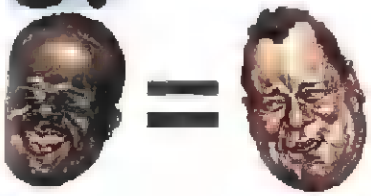
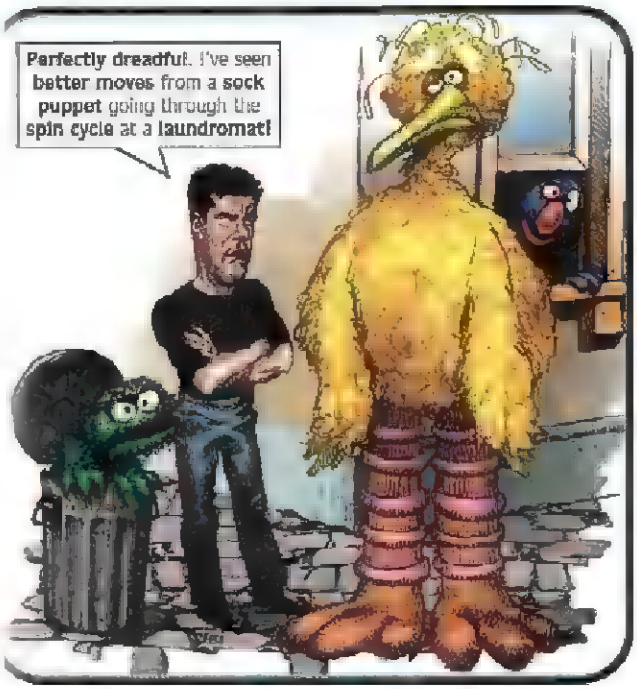
37 "Cedric the Entertainer." Kinda reminds us of "Shatner the Singer."



38 The over-hyped, nauseatingly sentimental final season of any long-running sitcom, which you know, [redacted] years hence, will result in an over-hyped, nauseatingly sentimental "reunion show." (Note: see #46.)

39 That sinking feeling you get in your stomach halfway through telling the funniest ethnic joke you've ever heard, when you suddenly realize that the guy you're telling it to is married to someone [redacted] that ethnic group.

40 Randy Jackson, Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul — who make as many appearances in comedy skit shows, sitcoms and awards shows tiredly spoofing themselves as they do performing their actual judging duties on *American Idol*.



41 We don't want to get off on a rant here, but isn't it sad that Dennis Miller's done a gear-stripping 180-degree turn from "How deliciously obscure and outrageous can I make this reference?" to "The hell with smarmy wit — how blatantly can I kiss President Bush's ass?"

43
Most women's inexplicable inability to appreciate subtle, nuanced humor, and therefore dismiss the entire Three Stooges filmography.
HMMP!
HA HA HA!

42 *Tony n' Tina's Wedding:* "Interactive" theater at which you'll be [redacted] offended by the broad ethnic stereotypes, you won't be sure what you're choking on: the lame jokes or the undercooked stuffed chicken breast.

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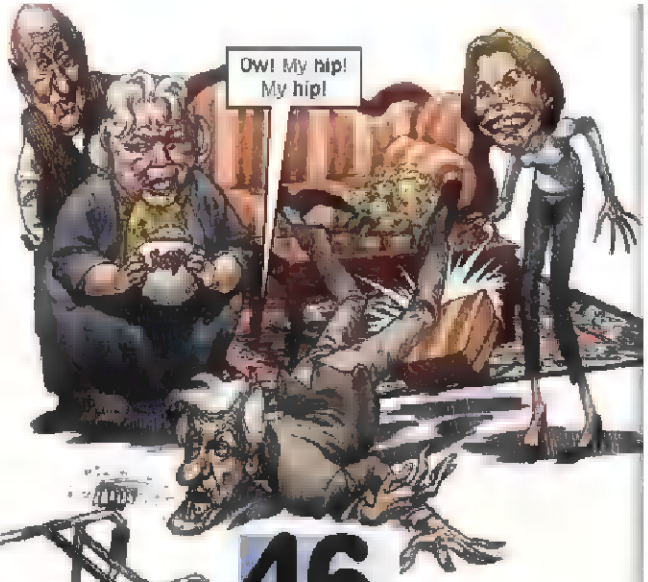
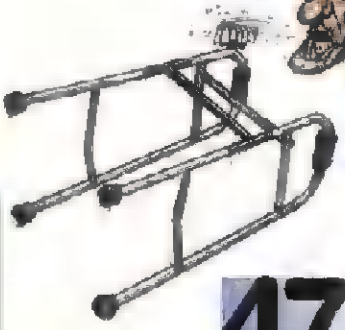
44 Don Imus on MSNBC. Now, not only do we have to hear him, we have to look at him, too.



45 The vanity that dictates a much more attractive, totally hot actress must be cast opposite the fat-ass schlub sitcom star playing some overweight blue-collar loser despite the fact that the only way his character could ever get someone like that in real life is by making the kind of money, say, a successful sitcom star makes.

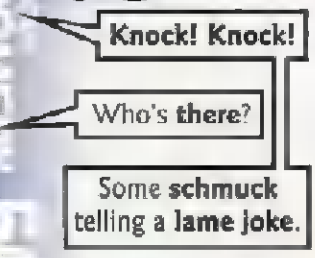


46 TV reunion shows: The lucky cast members are dead before the taping starts, the rest die on-camera.

47 "Wacky" canned outgoing phone machine messages. We thought they went out of style in the early 1980s.

Hi! Mark's answering machine is broken. This is his refrigerator. Please speak very slowly, and I'll stick your message to myself with one of these magnets! Beeep!

48 Knock-knock jokes — we just don't like them.



49 Ben Stiller's insistence on making a minimum of seven movies a year — a shooting schedule usually reserved only for porn stars. (Not that we're encouraging him in that direction!)

50 That apocalyptic moment in time when MAD publisher William M. Gaines signed the deal for a *MAD TV* sketch comedy show.

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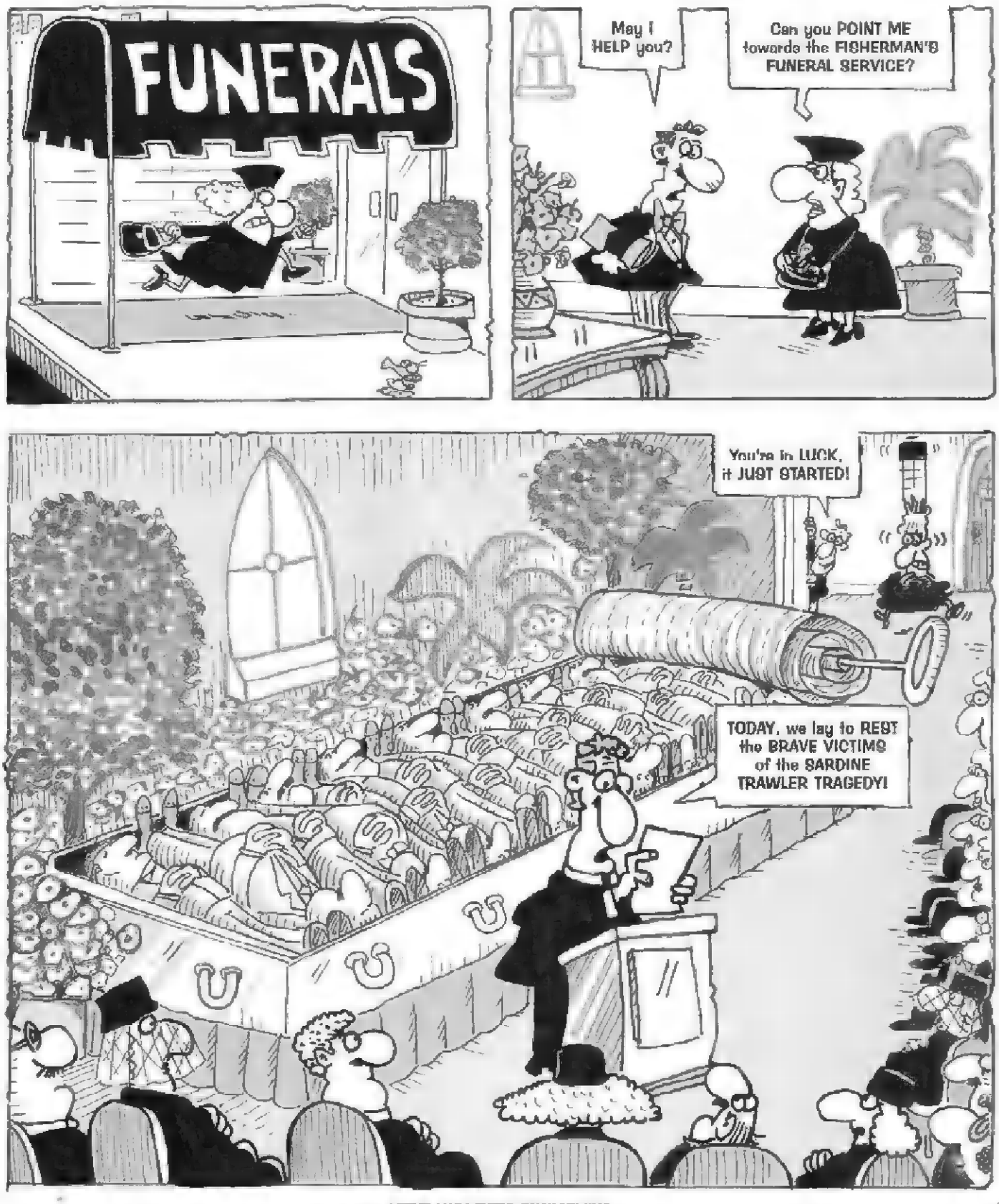
TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

THE DYING GAME


FUNERALS
May I HELP you?
Can you POINT ME towards the FISHERMAN'S FUNERAL SERVICE?
You're in LUCK, it JUST STARTED!
TODAY, we lay to REST the BRAVE VICTIMS of the SARDINE TRAWLER TRAGEDY!

ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING

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ANGSTER'S PARADISE DEPT.
IN OUR LAST EPISODE...
YOU, MONROE, ARE HEIR TO THE THRONE OF CHIZBURGASTAN!
NO WAY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I NAILED SOME ACTUAL Crown Jewels. WHAT A WAR THAT WAS!
YOU'RE A MODEL FOR SOLDIERS EVERYWHERE, OLD MAN.
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME! ALL THE BOOZE IS FREE!! THIS TRIP JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER!
EVERYONE MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE. I'M GOING TO TAKE A SOMA AND SLEEP.
Time for a hobble across the pond. It's...
MONROE and...
MANY, MANY HOURS LATER...
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, AN OPEN BAR MAKES SANDRA BULLOCK MOVIES ALMOST TOLERABLE.
EXCUSE ME, FOLKS, THE OTHER FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE SMELL FROM THE ELDERLY GENTLEMAN.
SPEED III
WELL, OPEN A WINDOW.
TEMPTING, BUT I THOUGHT PERHAPS HE'D BE MORE COMFORTABLE IN OUR... ER... "PREMIERE" SECTION.
GREAT IDEA! GET RID OF HIM!
WHEW! LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN SATURATED WITH HIS MUSK. BETTER COME ALONG AS WELL.
WHAT?! NO WAY! I BELONG IN First Class!
I GOT AN ASS FULL OF JET LAG.
YEAH, THE JET WAS A Seagram's 747.
EASY, GERARD! DO NOT BITE THAT BOY!
YIKES! THAT MUTT WOULD HAVE KILLED ME! THANKS.
I CARE NOT ABOUT YOU, I DON'T WANT ZEE DOG CATCHING YOUR INFECTION. TO THE EXAMINATION ROOM WITH YOU!
SNACK!
WE HAVE DONE ALL ZEE TESTS AND HE IS CLEAN.
HOW CAN A PERSON ZISS SICKLY LOOKING BE CLEAN? LOOK AT HIM! HE EEE OBVIOUSLY INFECTED WITH A BIO-AGENT!

ARTIST: BILL WRAY

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Er, YES, I WILL. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD TRY MISSING IT SOMETIME. TOMORROW WE BEGIN A WHIRLWIND TOUR OF EUROPE.
YOU'LL MISS HAPPY HOUR.
Ugh. I'M HAVING A WHIRLWIND TOUR OF GRANDPA.
FLAP! FLAP!
COOL IT, YOU KNOW I GET GASSY WHEN I FLY... OR EAT PEANUTS.
FLAP! FLAP!
PREPARE FOR LIFTOFF.
WOOSH!
Poot!
Fweeeee
EUROPE PART TWO
Arr, QUIT YER BELLYACHING, YOUR HIGHNESS! THIS GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO BE WITH THE COMMONERS.
I'M SORRY, WE CAN'T RUIN FIRST CLASS JUST FOR A LITTLE BOY AND A FLATULENT OLD MAN.
BUT I'M THE DUKE OR EARL OR SOMETHING, COULD YOU WAKE UP ALPHONSE?
Poot
WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO WAKE UP FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS.
BUT YOU'RE ALLOWED TO LOCK THEM IN THE GALLEY?!?
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE -- WE STILL GET ALL THE PEANUTS WE CAN EAT!
PEANUTS AIRLINE BRAND
I DEMAND THAT YOU RELEASE HIS HIGHNESS AT ONCE!
AHHH! YOUR MASKS! HE'LL INFECT YOU!
RELAX, YOU CAN'T CATCH WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM.
BESIDES, EVEN IF HE IS INFECTED, HE HAS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY! RELEASE HIM NOW!
WELCOME TO PARIS, AMERICAN RAT-BOY.
DON'T YOU OWE ME AN APOLOGY?
HA! DOESN'T AMERICA OWE FRANCE AN APOLOGY? OR DID YOU END UP FINDING THOSE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION?
HE'S GOT YA THERE.
TAXI

WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

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MoNrose

PARIS IS JUST Beautiful!
SWEET.
McDonald's
WENDY'S
STARBUCKS COFFEE
BURGER KING
THERE ARE FAR BETTER DINING OPTIONS, I ASSURE YOU. THIS IS PARIS.
PAL, IF LIFE HAS TAUGHT ME ANYTHING, IT'S THAT IF I ORDER FRENCH FOOD, IT'S GONNA END UP BEING SNAILS AND TENTACLES SERVED BY SOME CLOWN WAITER.
I'M KILLING HIM. CAN'T EVEN SEE YOU, HA!
ALMOST THERE... FOUR FIFTY... BUCKS...
PAY UP, STOOGE.
AWWW, HE FELL FOR THE OLD ELEVATOR TRICK AGAIN, SAME AS AT THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING.
DON'T FORGET THE SPACE NEEDLE.
LOOK AT IT. THE CITY OF LIGHTS.
YOU JUST CANNOT STAND THAT WE REFUSED TO INVADE IRAQ WITH YOU!
YEAH, YOU WERE TOO BUSY INVADING AMERICA WITH YOUR DAMN Cirque du Soleil.
STUPID AMERICAN! CIRQUE DU SOLEIL IS NOT FRENCH! IT IS FRENCH CANADIAN!
WHAT, THAT'S BETTER? IF I WANT TO SEE A FLYING FRUITCAKE IN TIGHTS, I'LL WATCH SPIDER-MAN 2, YOU FREAKIN' FROG!
FREAKIN' FROG? HOW DARE YOU! THAT'S IT!
YANKEES SUCK! YANKEES SUCK!
THERE'S ONE THING WE CAN LEARN FROM THE FRENCH...

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BESIDES, IT WAS AN EMERGENCY. IF I DIDN'T GET SOME CHOW TO SOAK UP THE BOOZE PRONTO, I WAS GONNA HAVE A HOLE INSIDE MY GUT BIGGER THAN THAT ARCH THING-A-MAJIG OVER THERE.
PERHAPS WE SHOULD JUST MOVE ON.
SAYS HERE THERE'S ALMOST AS MUCH STEEL IN THIS THING AS THERE IS IN THE OLD MAN'S HEAD. HA!
OH YEAH? UH...LIKE HELL THERE IS!
RACE YOU TO THE TOP FOR FIFTY BUCKS. TELL YA WHAT, I'LL EVEN SMOKE ON THE WAY UP.
YOU'RE ON! 1-2-3- GO!
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THE FLASHING COLORS I'M SEEING. PASSING OUT NOW.
PARIS CONTAINS SOME OF THE GREATEST WORKS OF ART IN THE WORLD.
LOOKS LIKE INSIDE MY HEAD. I'M STILL PRETTY FUZZY.
AND WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL?
YOU'RE FINE, YOU PROBABLY SUFFERED VERY LITTLE BRAIN DAMAGE.
I APOLOGIZE, YOUR MAJESTY. I SHOULD HAVE NEVER LET YOU RUN IN PARIS, THE AIR IS FAR TOO FILTHY.
SHUT UP, FRENCHY! IF IT WEREN'T FOR US, YOU'D BE COMPLAINING IN German!
YES, ZEE AIR IS FILTHY BECAUSE OF ZEE AMERICANS!
...HOW TO RETREAT!
AND STAY OUT OF FRANCE!!
YOU JERKS MAKE ME WANNA TAKE BACK NORMANDY!
I GUESS WE WON'T BE GOING TO CANNES.
ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE TIME FOR ONE OR TWO MORE STOPS BEFORE HEADING ON TO CHIZBURGASTAN.
LET'S MAKE THE LOUNGE CAR STOP NUMBER ONE.
AND FROM THERE, EVEN MORE CONTINENTAL FUN. HOW'S THAT SOUND?
1732
DON 123
TERDAM
215
IN ANY LANGUAGE, I THINK I'M IN TROUBLE.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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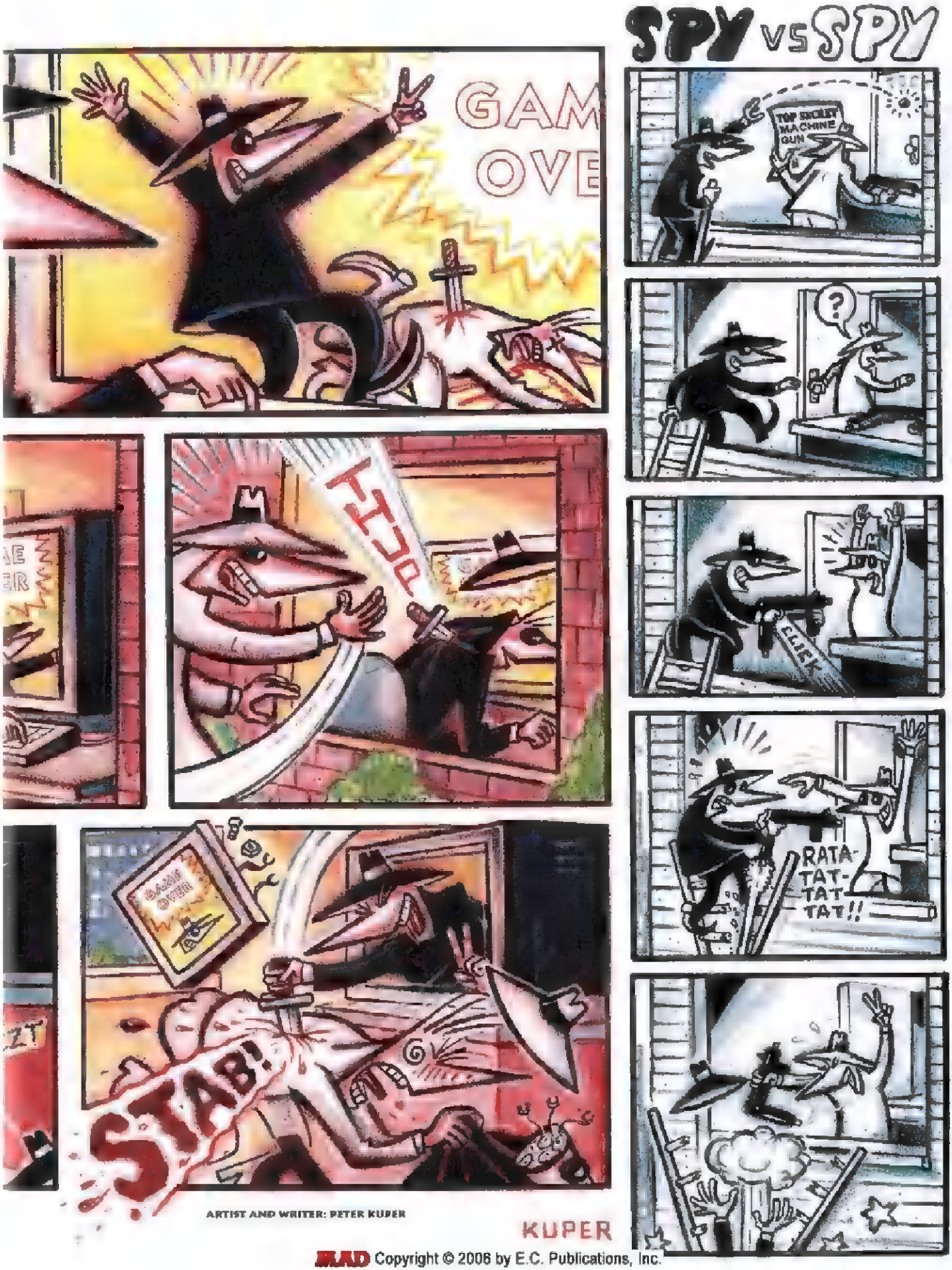

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ACHILLES SPIEL DEPT.

If you're studying *The Iliad* and thinking of making a crib sheet based on this movie, don't. You'll fail! Just like this movie did. The original epic was written by Homer. *This* version could have been written by Homer Simpson! Welcome to a big, fat Greek stinker! Here is . . .

TRO

I am Acneless, the greatest warrior in history! I may look like a surfer dude, but I am a killing machine! I am ripped, I am buff, I am beautiful! Last month my abs were declared a national treasure in Crete!
Acneless is fearless, but he is also self-centered, arrogant and brooding!
Ancient philosophers say it will cause his doom! Heed their words. "Beware of Greeks throwing snits!"
What ancient philosophers? That's us! The year is 2,000 B.C., shmendrick!
Acneless has to make some tough personal decisions in the next few weeks!
Whether to fight for his country or to fight for fame and immortality?
Hey, we KNOW the dude's going to fight for fame! His big dilemma is whether to pout, preen or pose!
It looks like he's going for the pose!
I am Hectic, a prince of Troy-Vey! This is my brother, Parris. We are Trojans! We are brave and heroic people! Centuries from now, people will still speak the name Trojan!
Yeah, under their breath at pharmacy counters!
So that's Melon! She's why the Greeks went to war! She's "The face that launched a thousand ships"!
She's okay if you like that "vacant model" look! But she's certainly not *that* hot!
Okay, so would you say she has a face that could launch, maybe, 143 ships?
I guess! Maybe throw in a few rafts!

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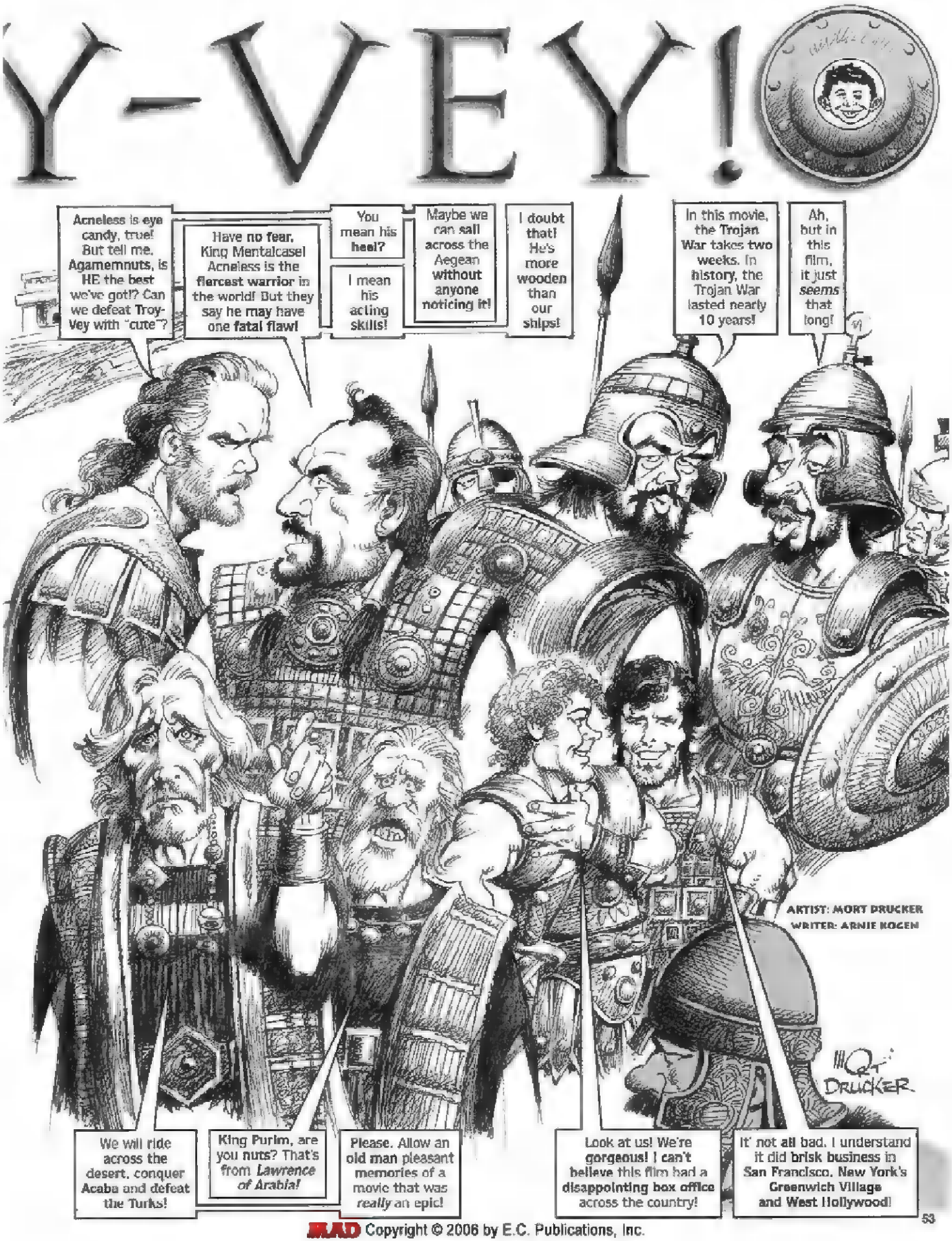
Y-VEY!


Acneless is eye candy, true! But tell me, Agamemnuts, is HE the best we've got!? Can we defeat Troy-Vey with "cute"?
Have no fear, King Mentalcase! Acneless is the fiercest warrior in the world! But they say he may have one fatal flaw!
You mean his heel?
I mean his acting skills!
Maybe we can sail across the Aegean without anyone noticing it!
I doubt that! He's more wooden than our ships!
In this movie, the Trojan War takes two weeks. In history, the Trojan War lasted nearly 10 years!
Ah, but in this film, it just seems that long!
We will ride across the desert, conquer Acaba and defeat the Turks!
King Purim, are you nuts? That's from Lawrence of Arabia!
Please. Allow an old man pleasant memories of a movie that was really an epic!
Look at us! We're gorgeous! I can't believe this film had a disappointing box office across the country!
It' not all bad. I understand it did brisk business in San Francisco, New York's Greenwich Village and West Hollywood!
ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER
WRITER: ARNIE ROGEN
DRUCKER

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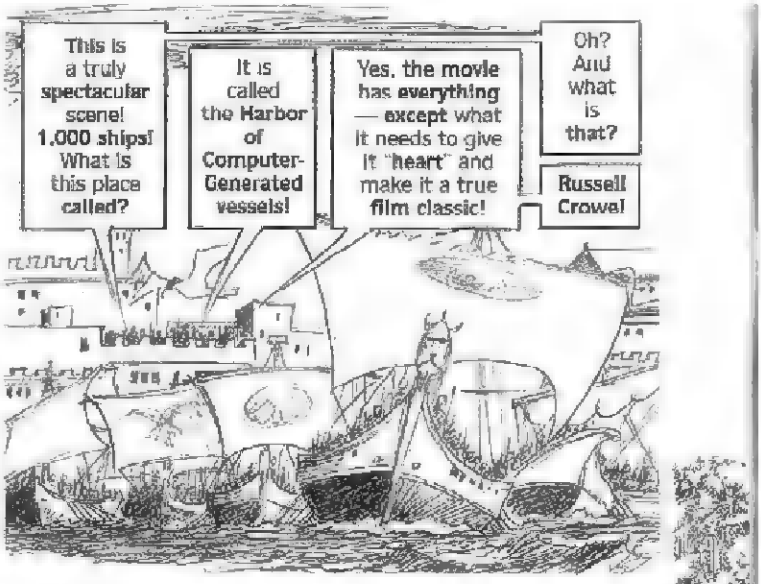
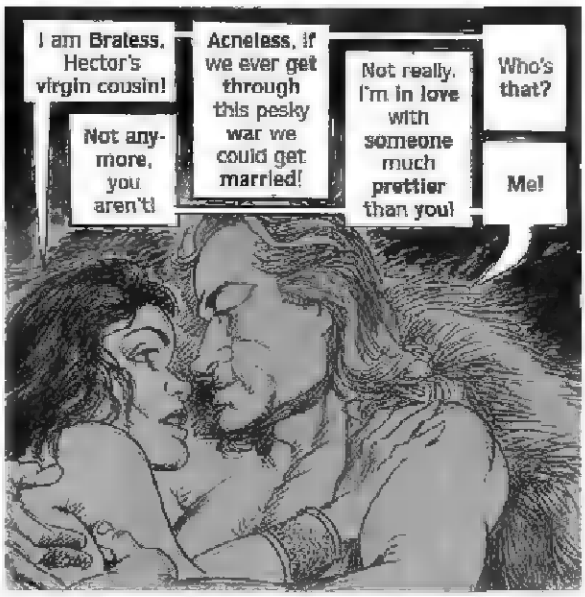
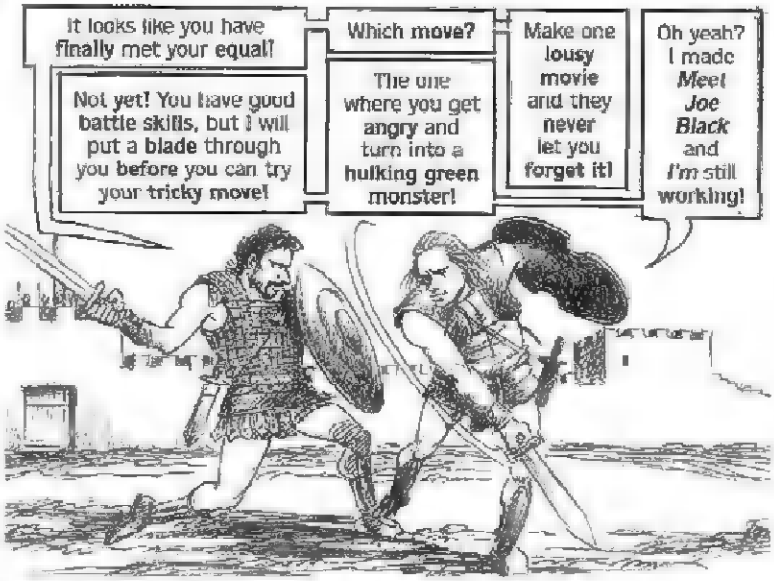
Meton, leave your husband, King Mentalcase! Run away with me to Troy-Vey!
I am tempted! My husband is aging and lacks virility! I want a family!
If you flee with me, I promise you'll hear the patter of feet!
You mean children!?
I mean soldiers! 40,000 angry Greek warriors will soon be invading our shore!


This is a truly spectacular scene! 1,000 ships! What is this place called?
It is called the Harbor of Computer-Generated vessels!
Yes, the movie has everything — except what it needs to give it "heart" and make it a true film classic!
Oh? And what is that?
Russell Crowe!

I don't believe it! It's not Acneless! I killed, it's his idiot cousin! How could I have possibly known?
Easy! The guy didn't fight as well as Acneless, but he sure in hell was a much better actor!
GOOD GRIEF!

Who are those warriors cleaning up the mess? Is it Eudoris and Scamandrius?
No, sir! It's Ajax and Windex!
Then their names, too, shall live on in history! Unfortunately, it will be on the grocery shelves!


I am Braless, Hector's virgin cousin!
Not anymore, you aren't!
Acneless, if we ever get through this pesky war we could get married!
Not really, I'm in love with someone much prettier than you!
Who's that?
Me!


It looks like you have finally met your equal!
Not yet! You have good battle skills, but I will put a blade through you before you can try your tricky move!
Which move?
The one where you get angry and turn into a hulking green monster!
Make one lousy movie and they never let you forget it!
Oh yeah? I made *Meet Joe Black* and *I'm* still working!

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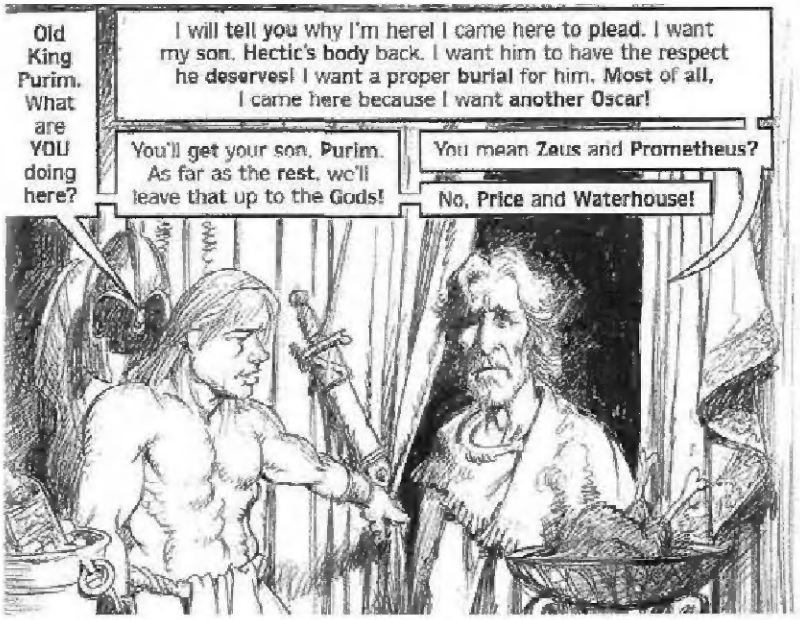
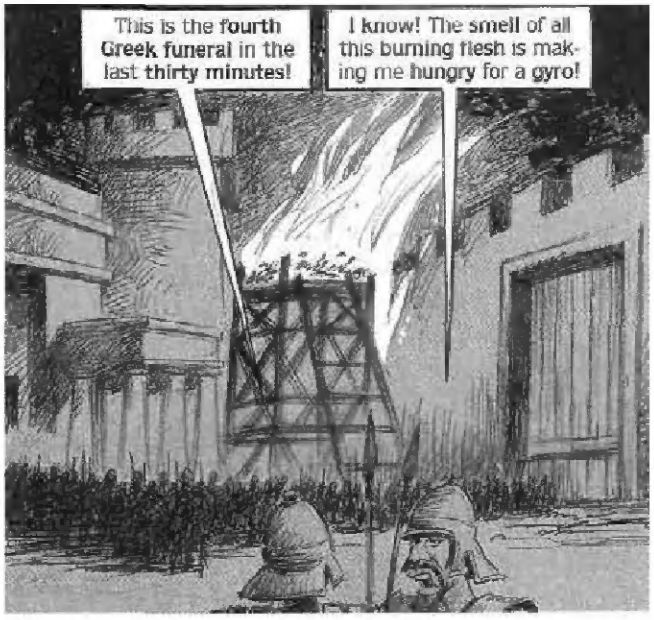
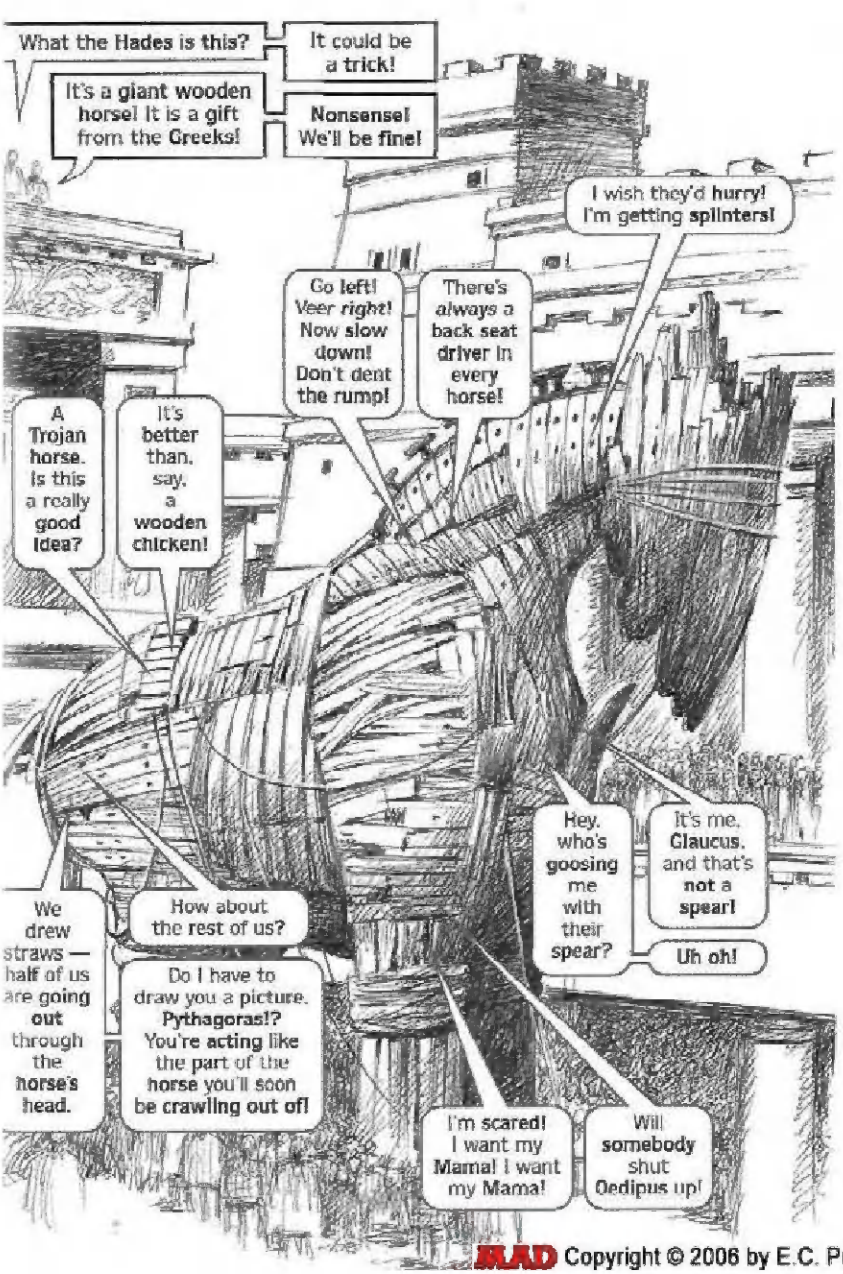

Old King Purim. What are YOU doing here?
I will tell you why I'm here! I came here to plead. I want my son, Hectic's body back. I want him to have the respect he deserves! I want a proper burial for him. Most of all, I came here because I want another Oscar!
You'll get your son, Purim. As far as the rest, we'll leave that up to the Gods!
You mean Zeus and Prometheus?
No, Price and Waterhouse!


This is the fourth Greek funeral in the last thirty minutes!
I know! The smell of all this burning flesh is making me hungry for a gyro!


What the Hades is this?
It could be a trick!
It's a giant wooden horse! It is a gift from the Greeks!
Nonsense! We'll be fine!
I wish they'd hurry! I'm getting splinters!
Go left! Veer right! Now slow down! Don't dent the rump!
There's always a back seat driver in every horse!
A Trojan horse. Is this a really good idea?
It's better than, say, a wooden chicken!
We drew straws — half of us are going out through the horse's head.
How about the rest of us?
Do I have to draw you a picture, Pythagoras!? You're acting like the part of the horse you'll soon be crawling out of!
Hey, who's goosing me with their spear?
It's me, Claucus, and that's not a spear!
Uh oh!
I'm scared! I want my Mama! I want my Mama!
Will somebody shut Oedipus up!

That's the end of Acneless!
He was hit in his one weak spot!
Parris shot him directly in his heel, the one part of his scrawny body that wasn't computer-enhanced!

The Greek Gods were prominent in the book, *The Iliad*, but we were cut out of this picture!
Let it go, Zeus! Don't get your lightning bolts in a wad! It's not worth it! This one's a bomb!
Have you seen the domestic box office grosses on this fiasco? Whew! This is *truly* a "Greek tragedy"!

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WHERE DO ALL AMERICANS HOPE THE VICIOUS ATTACKS WILL END SOON?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

Every time we turn on the TV, we are bombarded with new and disturbing images of ugly battles. These cruel assaults are launched on a daily basis and show no sign of letting up. To find out the one area where the American public is most sickened by these savage conflicts, fold page in as shown.

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

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IN THESE DANGEROUS TIMES, LEADERS PRESIDE OVER TERRIFIED POPULATIONS. SUBSTANTIAL CATASTROPHES CAN FOLLOW AS CROWDS RAMPAGE EVERYWHERE. THIS IS NOT A GOOD SIGN COMING AS IT DOES IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE. MERCIFULLY, IT WILL END, SO SAY OUR OFFICIALS

A ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE B

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